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Representative Soboleski and Senator Martin, Representative Campbell, Drinkwater, Griffin, Rudnicki, Strout, Woodsome, and Greenwood, and honorable members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee. I am Geoffrey Scott, Resident of Camden, Knox County. Thank you for providing me with this opportunity to oppose LD 515: An Act to Lower Electricity Costs by Repealing the Laws Governing Net Energy Billing.

As a community member and a concerned citizen of the planet we need to encourage the use of renewable energy whenever we can. Taking away net energy billing for homeowners or for community solar does the exact opposite. Mainers understand how net energy billing makes the decision to put renewable energy into their lives more affordable. We all struggle with the initial investment, but with net energy billing we can see that in 10-15 years we should come out financially ahead. Take away net energy billing and you sabotage all the great work that's been done since 2017 by the legislature to build a system that works to accomplish their goals.

Keeping net energy billing:

- Incentivizes citizens to move to renewable energy
- Reduces fossil fuel usage
- Reduces carbon emissions
- Helps mitigate climate change

Removing net energy billing:

- Improves the profits of energy producers, most of which are out of state.