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LD 32

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and honorable members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee.

Hello, my name is Leslie Pohl, and I live in Portland ME.

I am writing to urge you to OPPOSE LD 32: An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Net Energy Billing and LD 257: An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing.

I am extremely concerned about climate change and its impacts (stronger and more damaging storms, warming coastal waters that are threatening Maine's fisheries, etc.). These changes are already happening and will continue to worsen if we do nothing to transition to cleaner energy quickly.

I work as an administrative specialist, so I do not make a lot of money, but several years ago my husband and I refinanced our house so that we could invest in heat pumps and solar panels and do our part for the clean energy transition which is needed. We have a net energy billing (NEB) contract which has served us well.

Please - we need to do MORE to incentivize investment in clean energy, not less. Repealing or eliminating NEB would be a step backwards at a time when we are making important gains towards a clean energy future.

The future of our climate and our Maine way of life is at stake. I urge you to oppose LD 32 and LD 257.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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