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LD 450

I support LD 450 “An Act to Lower Electricity Costs by Repealing the Laws Governing Net Energy Billing.”

We as electricity ratepayers throughout the state are paying several hundred dollars more per year for our electricity, to subsidize solar or otherwise “green” energy initiatives. As I see it, we are subsidizing the Chinese solar panel industry, and out-of-state solar panel installation companies, with little to no benefit to us as ratepayers.

With the extremely high cost of our electricity supply, and with Central Maine Power periodically increasing our electricity delivery rate, our state should be working tirelessly to reduce our electricity costs, not watch them continuously go up. Per WalletHub, Maine has the fourth highest total tax burden of the 50 states. Net energy billing is just another tax that should be eliminated. I understand in 2023, CMP delivered over 62,000 disconnect notices to consumers. About 10% of all Maine households. People are struggling. That’s disgraceful.

Let’s drive those electricity costs down, not up!

Again, I support LD 450, and it “ought to pass.”