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LD 32

In 2015, my husband and I had a solar array installed on the roof of our two-family home in Portland. This array offsets most of the electricity used by both households and will soon surpass 50,000 MWh total production. With the grid acting as our “battery,” our rooftop solar generation is particularly beneficial during Maine’s increasingly hot summers when the panels do their best work.

Net Energy Billing (NEB) has helped us and seems a reasonable, small public-private collaboration. Industry experts have already identified the actual causes driving up electricity costs: natural gas prices and the expense of responding to climate change-related storm damage.

So, I respectfully urge you to vote Ought Not To Pass on LD 32, LD 257, LD 359, and LD 450. I further encourage this Committee to work creatively and courageously on ways that Mainers can reduce energy consumption period.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of the State of Maine.