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LD 444

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of LD 444, which repeals the law establishing the State's renewable energy goals and removes related cross-references in statute.

As an energy consumer, I have experienced firsthand the financial burden of rising electricity costs. Delivery and supply charges continue to climb, placing an increasing strain on household budgets. Additionally, net energy billing fees embedded in CMP and Versant bills force ratepayers to subsidize foreign solar panel manufacturers and out-of-state solar developers with little benefit in return. The high cost of heating fuel only adds to this financial pressure, creating significant anxiety for many Maine residents.

It is time for relief. Repealing these renewable energy mandates is a necessary step toward lowering energy costs and easing the financial strain on consumers.

I urge you to support LD 444 and vote "Ought to Pass."

Thank you for your time and consideration.