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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: LD 32, An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Net Energy Billing
LD 257, An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing
LD 450, An Act to Lower Electricity Costs by Repealing the Laws Governing
Net Energy Billing

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and distinguished members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology,

1. I strongly support LD32, LD 257 and LD 450, all of which would end the practice of Net Energy Billing.
2. I have had numerous business leaders in my district reach out to me to tell me the hardship that our State's NEB policies have caused them, even going so far as to have a Town Hall style meeting on the issue.
3. The Milo Chip Mill has closed, a business that 30 families relied on for their income, with the owner explicitly stating the cause of the closure was due to the drastic increase in operating costs due to the recent increases in his electric bills.
4. Another business in my district, the largest employer in one of my towns who employs dozens of people, has indicated that the increase in their electric bill is severely hurting their business and that their parent company could easily move their operation to one of their other out of state locations.
5. The grocery stores in my district have likewise indicated that the increase in their electric bills, necessitated by the need to operate their coolers, have a negative impact on the cost of food.

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6. In a time when Maine people struggle to make ends meet, including ever increasing electric rates and grocery bills, adding lost jobs is not a feasible policy option.

7. I encourage the committee to consider these pieces of legislation and support any or all of them with votes of 'Ought To Pass'.

Respectfully,



Rep. Chad R. Perkins
District 31

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Senator Lawrence

Senator Grohoski

Senator Harrington

Representative Sachs

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