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LD 32

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and other members of the joint standing committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology:

I am writing as the President of the Midcoast Friends Community Solar Farm, which is a small solar array in Damariscotta. We have nine member families. I am writing to ask that all four of the Net Energy Billing bills LDs 32, 257, 450, and 359 as amended) be voted "not to pass". The other eight families and our family invested in this small solar array for several reasons, but mainly because we believe that it is incumbent on individual citizens to take responsibility for global warming, and to do what we can within reason to ameliorate the increasingly dire impact of climate warming to our planet. All of us made a significant investment in this enterprise, based upon expectations of net energy billing being available to us.

We are not the cause of increased electricity costs. In fact, by decreasing demand for electricity and generating our own power we believe according to the law of supply and demand that we are doing our part to bring down the cost of electricity. In addition, I want you to know that based upon our Central Maine Power bills from September 2023 to and including November 2024 our family-- this is just for our family's share of the electrical output of our solar array-- contributed a total of 1253 kilowatt hours to the general electrical grid in "unused and expired credits". Thus just our family here at 8 Sandhill Drive in Brunswick Maine put into the grid for general use, free of charge, for sale by CMP, about three months' electrical usage for our family in the course of those fifteen months. (Our monthly usage according to our bill averages about 425 KWH per month.)

We believe that the current balance of the use of our unexpired credits and the net billing amounts to a rough justice that is fair.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Estabrook  
President, Midcoast Friends Solar