

I write to you today regarding LD 515 - An Act to Reverse Recent Changes Made to the Law Governing Net Energy Billing and Distributed Generation

I reviewing this bill I see yet again the Maine Legislature is attempting to remove the net energy billing credits for personal solar. Your arguments that this credit is raising the cost of electricity is simple an overreach of the issue. Solar only accounts for 4% of the average residential electric bill with fossil fuels taking up 60% of the cost. In addition, prices are being driven up to recoup costs from recent storm damage seen in 2024 with 65% of the rate hike attributable to storm damage costs. When we look at New Hampshire rates they are similar to Maine while they have no solar program. Solar is not the source of raising costs!

The continual attack on solar is so inappropriate and discouraging. We need to focus on renewable energy and continue to move away from the fossil fuel dependency. I am urging members to vote NO on this legislation and to preserve the net energy program in its entirety.

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