

## Maine State Legislature

Committee On Energy, Utilities and Technology

LD 342

LD 343

LD 601

I would like to express support for LD 342, LD343, and LD 601. Many people carry misconceptions about 21<sup>st</sup> century Nuclear capabilities, efficiencies and risks. These are based on anomalies from past generation nuclear facilities. Names like Chernobyl and 3 Mile Island linger in the back of our minds and distort the realities today. Comparing nuclear technologies of that time to present day is like comparing the rotary dial phone with a party line to the cell phones of today.

The committee will likely hear arguments doing just that but ask yourselves when was the last time you heard of a nuclear disaster aboard a submarine? Like wise when have you heard of any naval personnel harmed because of a nuclear incident? Did you know that since the world first started using nuclear to generate power the number of related deaths in the world is lower than any other generation method?

I suggest passing all 3 of these bills so that Maine can reach energy goals that are safe clean and economically affordable.

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