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LD 830

We are writing today in support of LD 830 which hides solar panel 'fields' in a way that protects and preserves the Maine countryside and Maine town's scenic beauty. This is corrective legislation, needed because the original law did not adequately foresee the negative impact a field might have on the countryside. Please understand that we are big supporters of non-fossil fuel generation. We have almost all our power from our own solar array.

We would like to make two suggested changes to this bill that would avoid another missed opportunity.

First and foremost, we strongly believe that the screening must be determined in consultation with the local government at the site. We do not believe that this is a State issue.

Secondly, the towns that have already been affected, like our town, Fryeburg, should be given funding for screening. This legislation, as is, will take care of the future but towns like ours should not bear the scars that have resulted from the well-meaning, but hasty initial legislation.