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Hello Representatives,

I am Adler Garner, I am a resident of Bar Harbor, and I am here in opposition to the bill LD 830 An Act to Protect Maine's Scenic Beauty by Requiring Solar Panel Fields to Be Hidden from View.

This bill is nothing but an unnecessary barrier to the advancement of renewable energy in Maine. All over the state, there is energy infrastructure from substations and transmission lines to power plants; they are all very visible and there are no major complaints about it. Adding a barrier around a solar field would not only add a large cost on to the project as well as has a large possibility of harming the array in causing shadows on the panels, which limits the total amount of energy they are able to produce.

When I drive across the state and see the community solar installations, I am proud of our state and the efforts we are making to strengthen our electrical grid and step away from harmful fossil fuels. People hid and cover that which they are ashamed of and the electrification of our state is not something we should be ashamed of. Maine is making a lot of genuine efforts to diversify our energy portfolio; that is something we should be celebrating, not hiding away and potentially harming the total production outcome.

Thank you for your time,
Adler Garner