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I strongly oppose this bill. My family owns a 20kW solar array that helps power our home and supports a nearby elderly relative. We made this investment not just for energy savings, but because we believe in building a more reliable, resilient, and sustainable electric grid.

This bill would unfairly restrict the way people like us use our own clean energy. We don't sell our power to investors or third parties—we simply use what we produce to support our home and one vulnerable member of our community. The energy we generate directly benefits the grid, especially during periods of high demand in warmer months, when solar production is at its peak. This eases the burden on utilities and helps prevent blackouts and brownouts.

SP 146 threatens to undermine small-scale solar ownership by narrowing net energy billing to only the most restrictive use cases. It punishes responsible homeowners who are trying to do the right thing—reducing reliance on fossil fuels, lowering local energy costs, and providing stability to the grid at no cost to the public.

Limiting net energy billing in this way doesn't just hurt solar users—it hurts Maine's energy future.

Please reject this bill and stand with Mainers who are investing in local, clean energy solutions that benefit everyone.