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Chair Lawrence, Chair Sachs and Fellow Citizens of the EUT Committee.
I wish to opine on LD 1130 An Act to Advance Long-duration Energy Storage Within the State

Imagine a day when all electrical power comes from batteries, natural gas plants no longer exist. All is sunshine and wind and when it is not solar and wind, it is stored power in a "box". Will there be enough in the "box" to reach your house or office or the convenience store down the road. How would you feel being captive to battery power? How would you feel if you had to pay over 40 cents per kilowatt hour plus 20 cents per kilowatt hour to keep your refrigerator running?

No doubt we would all be using standby power from an onsite generator. 60 cent per kilowatt grid power has that kind of power over us.

Advocates of battery storage would call that fear mongering. They say battery prices will lower as we place more of them into operation. It is our only future, now; there is no other way.

The Regional Transmission Operators would never allow any rehashed generation to cause the retail price to be 40 cents per kilowatt hour, even if that rehashed generation was all that was left on the table or would they?

Most of our friends who believe wind and solar is the only way to stop the planet from burning up are not going to consider costs as a factor to achieve that end, even if it means an end to our customary way of life; there is no other way.

No warnings from electricity experts paid handsomely to deliver reliable power are going to stop the unstoppable force of the wide-eyed ideologists powering their fairy tale, new age grand illusions to save us from ourselves; there is no other way.

Alas, we are in the grasps of the ultimate superstition where we are the sacrificial lambs to an environment of which we have been proven unworthy stewards. How dare we search within our land for forms of matter that propel us into a world of abundant positivism and share our finds with all people on Earth; there is no other way.

The sun gods, the wind gods and the battery gods rule us now. All we have left before us are prayers for enough sun, enough wind and enough batteries to eke out a life with less. What will the darkness bring? Only time and the new age fascinations will reveal our future. For those who embrace it, please consider what we once were. Is there another way?

Thank You Clayton McKay Dixfield, The Only One