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Testimony of Robert Linkletter of Maine Woods Pellet Company

In Favor LD 1212

“Resolve, to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating”

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. My name is Robert Linkletter, Part owner of Maine Woods Pellet Company in Athens Maine. “I am here today to speak to you in favor of LD 1212, a Resolve to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to Support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating.”

1. Maine Woods Pellet Company is located in Athens, Maine. It's been in Business for 18 years, shipping pellets to the surrounding Maine Residents. It supplies customers from large industrial users, to schools, to residential users.
2. LD 1212 is important to have the pellet industry working with the state to maintain a renewable, sustainable energy source for Maine residents and companies. Maine needs to diversify its heating sector to sustainable options, to help in responsible forestry, logging, jobs. Maine's complete turn to heat pumps is a mistake. Power usage and power costs will become prohibitive with A.I. and Bitcoin mining coming into play. Power pricing will increase and make shortages in availability. But by diversifying the energy consumption in Maine by using renewables, you have limited your exposure to the problems that are on the horizon.
3. In conclusion I encourage the committee members to support LD 1212. Please promote a renewable, sustainable energy source that we have readily available in Maine. It also supports hundreds of local workers and

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the money and taxes stays in the State of Maine. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer any question you might have about pellets.