Allan Elkin Orrington LD 1063 Testimony of Allan Elkin April 9, 2025 EUT Committee – LD #1063 LD #1063

Members of the EUT Committee,

My name is Allan Elkin and it is a pleasure to testify in support of LD #1063 today. I come to Augusta as a member of the Orrington Selectboard, citizen, and small business owner.

Since 1989 our community has hosted one of Maine's three waste to energy plants. These facilities provide a critical resource for waste disposal at a time when New England faces decreasing landfill capacity. In 2024, our town became a co-owner of the plant located in Orrington joining the dozens of other communities in Maine that own these plants.

LD 1063 will help to ensure stability in disposal fees for municipalities and allow plants the long-term stability needed for greater capital investment. LD 1063 can accomplish this while providing low cost renewable energy to electric ratepayers.

This bill is fair for all communities and fair for all Mainers. I hope you will join me in supporting LD 1063.