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### **Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology**

<b>Chair:</b> Sen Mark Lawrence	Rep Valli Geiger	Rep Nathan Wadsworth
Sen Nicole Grohoski	Rep Christopher Kessler	Rep Sophia Warren
Sen Matthew Harrington	Rep Mathew McIntyre	Rep Kilton Webb
<b>Chair:</b> Rep Melanie Sachs	Rep Reagan Paul	
Rep Steven Foster	Rep Walter Runte	

**LD 1868:** An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable Energy and Clean Procurement Laws.

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee

My name is John Leavitt, I am the Regional Manager of Carpenters Union Locals 349 & 352 covering NNE and I live in Saco, Maine

I stand before you neither for nor against LD 1868. In theory I/we like the bill's concept, but believe there should be better labor standards to address such a large task.

There has never been a time when we need to be self-reliant then right now. This bill provides guidelines for the State of Maine to succeed in the Clean Energy Industry and should provide good jobs as well through this process. Protecting workers through the construction phase then ongoing full-time employment to maintain the market is crucial to our communities, economy, and growing workforce.

We are depending on Canada to provide energy to Northern Maine with the unpredictable tariff charges or the threat of being shut off as well as the ongoing issues with CMP billing. Is an uneasy feeling for most of us.

The Governor's Energy Office has set an aggressive goal to address these issues with a plan to achieve 100% clean electricity by 2040. Through this bill has the ability to meet that goal under proper State and Federal oversight to protect Maine's environment while utilizing Maine's natural assets in forestry, wind, solar, and more.

Thank you for your time and I hope to include better labor standards in LD 1868 through the work sessions in order to move forward.

I am happy to answer any questions and attend any workshops on this matter.

Sincerely,  
John Leavitt



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Please accept my testimony neither for nor against LD 1868