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LD 1868

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of LD 1868, An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws.

This bill is a practical, necessary step toward a more affordable, resilient, and self-reliant energy future for Maine. It modernizes the way our state procures renewable and clean energy, helping us unlock the full economic and environmental benefits of our growing clean energy sector.

The clean energy economy isn't some distant promise. It's already here. Renewable energy technologies like wind and solar are creating jobs, powering businesses, and stabilizing energy costs across the state. But outdated procurement laws are slowing our progress. LD 1868 clears the path for more innovation, more investment, and more local control over our energy choices.

By passing LD 1868, Maine can:

- Reduce electricity costs for households and businesses
- Create and sustain thousands of good-paying clean energy jobs
- Attract clean energy developers and infrastructure investments
- Keep more energy dollars in-state, rather than exporting our wealth to out-of-state fossil fuel companies
- Build a more stable, secure grid in the face of climate disruption

Just like our state motto declares — *Dirigo*, I lead — Maine is ready to lead on this issue. We have the tools, the talent, and the determination to guide this transition and show what's possible when a state puts people and planet first.

Let's lead with vision, not hesitation. Please vote ought to pass on LD 1868.