



Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
% Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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Re: Public Hearing, LD 1860, An Act to Allow Certain Distributed Energy Resources to Participation in the State's Net Energy Billing Program

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony in support of LD 1860, *An Act to Allow Certain Distributed Energy Resources to Participation in the State's Net Energy Billing Program*, on behalf of the Maine Renewable Energy Association (MREA). MREA is a not-for-profit association of renewable energy producers, suppliers of goods and services to those producers, and other supporters of the industry. Our member companies include wind, solar, hydropower, biomass, and tidal energy generators and developers of such projects, as well as companies that provide services to those producers and developers, such as environmental engineers, electricians, and general contractors.

LD 1860 proposes to allow two fully constructed solar energy projects that reached mechanical completion prior to December 31, 2024, located in Ellsworth and Presque Isle, to participate in Maine's net energy billing program. MREA supports this legislation because, absent external delay by the utility of jurisdiction, both projects would have met legislative deadlines. Absent legislative action, both projects—representing millions of dollars of investment in Maine—would not serve their clean energy production, cost saving function. For these reasons and more, we encourage the Committee to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1860.

Sincerely,

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