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I helped collect signatures for the proposed Pine Tree Power consumer-owned utility. I was disappointed when the state referendum on this issue lost due to the colossal amounts of money spent on a misinformation campaign by corporate special interests. The prices that consumers pay for electricity in Maine are reportedly amongst the highest in the nation. However, moving forward, I support LD1963: An Act to Protect and Compensate Public Utility Whistleblowers because we need to create a supportive environment in which whistleblowers are able to come forward with pertinent information without penalty relative to the optimum operation of utilities and utility contractors in this State. I also support the training that this bill would provide in support of the independent contractors and employees, who work for utility companies in Maine and have important information to share. Thank you!