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I am in support of the following portions of this bill:

- Sec 3 #4 to Improve access to and use of community solar programs
- Sec 4 # 2 entitled Consumer Assistance
- Sec 5 # 3 entitled Correction of misleading information
- Sec 6 # 4 entitled Public policy charges
- Sec 7 # B-1 Net crediting. However, I share the same concern as the Commission testimony that a T&D utility should only be required to provide payment for the subscription fee to the project sponsor for the amount the T&D has received from the customer. If a customer is delinquent in paying the subscription fee, the project sponsor should retain responsibility to collect this delinquent payment from the customer and not place the T&D in the position of remitting funds they haven't received or in the position of being the debt collector of this subscription fee.
- Sec 8 # 10 entitled Consolidated billing
- Sec 10 # C-1 entitled Net crediting

I defer to the comments that the Commission offered in their testimony relative to:

- Sec 1 #7 entitled Administrative charge limitations and transparency
- Sec 12 entitled Public Utilities Commission to conduct proceeding

I would offer one new amendment to this bill, which is amend 35-A MRSA section 3209-A section 8 to state that unused banked kilowatt-hour credits that remain unused at the end billing period may be carried forward from the end of that period, with no limitation of only up to one year from the end of that billing period. The current practice, as I understand it, is that any unused banked kWh credits expire after one year from the billing period they accrued. This would make the handling of the kWh credits consistent with how I understand New York manages these bill credits.