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LD 1730

Dear Committee,

I urge you to support LD 1730, the “plug-in solar” bill.

This legislation offers meaningful benefits with virtually no downside:

- No subsidies or incentives required
- No cost to the state or utilities
- No net metering
- Minimal utility impact (and potentially a small benefit from additional electricity flowing to the grid)
- Strong safety provisions that protect households and line workers — plug-in systems are essentially invisible to the utility
- Reduced regulatory barriers
- Expanded access to solar, especially for renters and lower-income households
- Household savings of 15–20% on electricity (more when paired with a battery)

LD 1730 closely mirrors Utah’s bipartisan HB 340, developed with direct utility involvement. The utility’s chief concern — liability — was addressed and included in both Utah’s law and LD 1730. Utah’s bill passed unanimously in both chambers (House: 72-0-3; Senate: 26-0-3) and was signed into law on March 3.

LD 1730 is a simple, safe way to let more Mainers benefit from clean, affordable energy. I respectfully ask for your support.