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To: Chairs and Committee Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology
Committee

Testimony in Support of LD 1730

I would like to submit this testimony in support of LD 1730.

Plug in Solar is an inexpensive and accessible technology for all of us in Maine to use. It requires little in the way of regulation and will help the State meet our greenhouse gas emission energy goals.

Plug-in solar technology originated in Germany and has since become widely adopted throughout Europe. In the U.S., these small ($\leq 1,200$ watts) compact systems have been modified to U.S. electrical standards and can plug into a standard outdoor outlet. These systems require no rooftop construction and can be installed with the help of an electrician almost anywhere.

Utah has a similar law enabling Plug In technology and exempting it from net metering requirements. We can do this.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Take care,
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