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LD 1730

Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee,
I am testifying IN FAVOR of LD1730. Plug in solar makes the benefits of solar
electricity available to the large number of Mainers who do not live in buildings that,
for any of a number of reasons, cannot support a conventional, grid-linked solar array,
Despite the size limitation, the savings that owners and renters can realize from
plug-in solar are substantial, up to 22% of the average electrical bill, for an investment
of ~\$2000, paying back the investment in ~3 years. "Plug & Play" solar has been
proven in Utah, and provisions in this bill ensure the safety of utility workers during
power outages. Please vote "Ought to Pass".

Thank you,
Allen Armstrong