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Senator Mark Lawrence  
Representative Melanie Sachs  
Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee  
Room 211  
Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Chairman Lawrence, Chairman Sachs, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today as a nurse practitioner, member of the Legislative Committee of the Maine Nurse Practitioner Association, and member of the Standing Committee of the Alliance of Maine Health Professionals for Climate Action in support of LD1730, An Act Regarding the Beneficial Electrification Policy of the State.

I am writing to request your support of this bill which will give Maine the chance to lead in energy equity and resilience without subsidies and without fiscal impact, resulting in enormous public benefit.

As we know, Maine households saw a 36.3% electricity price increase between May of 2024 and May of 2025, which results in Maine households facing some of the highest electricity rates in New England. As we also well know, these increases in costs have a very significant impact on low- and moderate-income families, seniors, and renters.

Plug-in solar would provide immediate relief on electricity bills without state or federal subsidies. In addition, a plug-in solar setup paired with small batteries could provide backup for households during power outages and would allow rural and island communities, that frequently experience storm-related disruptions in power, a reliable source of electricity, rather than costly, and dirty, diesel generation.

The additional benefit, of course, is the reduction in the strain on Maine's grid and the improvement of access to electricity reliability statewide.

Plug-in solar is widely used across Europe and Utah passed such legislation, resulting in the neighboring states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York now considering similar legislation.

I urge you to unanimously support LD1730, without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

  
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