



Testimony in Support of LD 1730, “An Act to Make Small, Portable, Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Maine Residents to Address the Energy Affordability Crisis”

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Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and Committee Members:

As Maine’s energy affordability crisis deepens, LD 1730 offers an opportunity to help lower residential electricity costs, especially for lower-income households. Allowing portable or “plug-in” solar technology here would let many more Mainers reduce their electricity bills by harvesting solar energy. Because these devices are much less expensive than rooftop solar and can be easily self-installed almost anywhere, they make the benefits of solar energy available to virtually anyone.

In addition to making electricity more affordable to a wider range of Mainers, portable solar would also reduce the demand on the grid by allowing more homes and apartments to generate a portion of their electricity on-site. This means less electricity needs to be generated, transmitted, and distributed across the grid. The result would be less emissions and a smaller load that grid infrastructure has to support.

Our Power strongly supports LD 1730 and urges you to move LD 1730 forward expeditiously.

Sincerely,

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