



### **Testimony on LD 2112, January 2026**

Maine Grid Works is testifying in support of LD 2112. As citizens of Maine concerned with rising energy costs, climate damage from the use of fossil fuels, and the reliability of our electric grid, we see this bill as an important step towards greater local control of our energy resources, and giving everyone in Maine a greater say in how their energy dollars are spent. CCAs (Community Choice Aggregation) are nothing new, and are already in place in many states, including – in some forms – in Maine. The importance of this particular bill lies in its streamlining the process of creating a new CCA in Maine, and removing some of the roadblocks which currently exist in that process.

Our neighboring state of New Hampshire – a few years ahead of us now in this particular area – has seen tremendous growth of local control, citizen participation and cost savings in power supplies, as a result of exactly this kind of action on the state level. We see this legislation as a stimulus to greater public education and awareness of the many sometimes complicated facets of our current public energy systems, and a way to increase the level of community self-reliance in one important area of energy – electricity procurement.

Expanding the CCA approach here in Maine is a good thing for towns and municipalities, and businesses, which are struggling to find ways to help themselves to keep warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and in stay in business, with all the other rising costs we have seen in the past few years. Local control is essential to this process of changing how we do things, and this bill is a good step in that direction. And it takes nothing away from anyone, including the existing utilities. We hope that you will all give it your support and your vote.

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