

MLCC Testimony in Opposition to LD 2174

Senator Tepler, Representative Duodera and members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources my name is Scott Cuddy and I'm the Policy Director for the Maine Labor Climate Council. MLCC is an affiliation of 16 public and private sector unions seeking to fight climate change while creating good union jobs. I am here today to testify in opposition to LD 2174.

MLCC is not taking a position on the merits of the measures to change how we permit projects in Maine. We are generally supportive of efforts to build more of the infrastructure we need to build the clean energy future that we have to have. Our opposition is due to the fact that this legislation will allow for more projects to move forward in Maine without addressing the conditions that the workers building them will labor under.

We are aware that there is an amendment to this piece of legislation that would add labor standards, and were that amendment to be included in the final text of the bill that gets reported out of this committee we would change our position to one of support.

Unless that language is added, though, we would ask that you vote Ought Not to Pass on this bill. I am available to take any questions you might have.