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**Testimony Neither for nor Against**  
**LD 1232, “An Act to Increase Adoption of Solar Power in Maine”**  
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Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology,

My name is William Harwood and I am the Public Advocate, here today to testify neither for nor against LD 1232, “An Act to Increase Adoption of Solar Power in Maine.”

The bill appears to be proposing that class I interconnections be expanded from under 25 kV to under 100 kV. Assuming this correct, OPA does not understand the need to do so. Overall, OPA believes that the highly technical details of the interconnection process are best left to the PUC to regulate.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration of this testimony. The Office of the Public Advocate looks forward to working with the Committee on LD 1232 and will be available for the work session to assist the Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William S. Harwood".

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