

State JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES, AND
TECHNOLOGY

Testimony of Kevin Buck, Selectmen for the Town of Tremont

May 24th, 2023

Testimony in Support

LD 1986: An Act Relating to Net Energy Billing and Distributed Solar
and Energy Storage Systems

Testimony:

Senator Lawrence, Representative Ziegler, and honorable members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee. My name is Kevin Buck and I am a selectmen for the Town of Tremont and I support LD 1986.

Integrating renewable energy, and solar energy in particular, into our existing is a complicated and nuanced undertaking. It provides clean, sustainable, affordable energy for everyone with the added benefit of being generated locally and under local control.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I have a net energy billing (NEB) account with Versant Power and I am an elected official in a town that benefits from a solar array built on a capped landfill. The town's array provides clean, locally generated electricity for all of our municipal buildings and grade school and is saving the town's and its taxpayers thousands of dollars monthly. The savings have only increased due to the astronomical rate increases associated with natural gas. Tremont's array has direct benefits for all residents, whether they are NEB customers or not.

Current NEB policy does need updating. This bill is a sensible approach to protecting rate payers and promoting a sustainable future. It urge your committee to pass this bill.