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Testimony of Representative S. Paige Zeigler introducing
LD 240, An Act to Expand Broadband Internet Access Choice
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

Good afternoon, Senator Lawrence and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. My name is Paige Zeigler, and I represent District 40 consisting of the towns of Appleton, Islesboro, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill and Searsmont. I am here today to present LD 240, An Act to Expand Broadband Internet Access Choice.

This bill allows individuals who rent residential or commercial space to have the ability to have their own ISP provider and not be limited to a contract held by their landlord. In today's world, individuals may want a different provider to address all their needs, and the landlord's provider may not be able to meet them.

The bill provides protection for the landlord's property and gives the renter options to fit their internet needs by allowing competition from different providers.

This need for this bill came about from Myles Smith and the Broadband Coalition. The Broadband Coalition provided an example of a law in Connecticut, and our nonpartisan staff were able to use this example to craft language that would be appropriate for our State.

I am happy to answer questions, but you may wish to hold specifics for Mr. Smith and other stakeholders who are with us today.

Thank you for your time.