

Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler and honorable members of the committee on energy, utilities and technology.

My name is Sandra Labonte, and I live in Searsport. Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony and for your serving the state of Maine.

I stand opposed to LD2077, "An act regarding customer costs and the environmental and health effects of natural gas".

It is amazing to me how many things in our lives are affected or will be affected by clean energy policies. Everything these days is focused on how it will affect the planet. What about the people living on the planet?

You're taking away more and more of our proven and affordable energy sources such as fossil fuels and nuclear energy, but what will they be replaced with? Your answer is wind and solar which will create massive waste problems when their useful life is over. At the present time, they both clutter our beautiful Maine landscape and wind turbines as well, are harmful to wildlife.

They are not adequate to meet current consumption needs, nor will they likely be any time soon unless new technologies become available.

I remember years ago when they started manufacturing washing machines to reduce the amount of water consumed. I can tell you that with the smaller amount of water to wash our clothes, they are just not getting cleaned as thoroughly as they used to be. The list of restrictions has grown over the years, from freon, incandescent or fluorescent lighting - and the LED lights are SO blinding.

I find it illogical that we refuse to use the resources of oil and natural gas that are right under our feet.

This is all about more control and giving people fewer options for their energy needs. Natural gas is NATURAL. It doesn't get any better than that!

Please vote "Ought not to pass".