

**2/10/25**

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and members of the Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee:

I am writing to express my opposition to LD 32 and LD 257, bills that would repeal Maine's Net Energy Billing program. I grew up in Portland, raised my family in Maine, coached High School wrestling here for 20 years, and have owned a business here for the last 25 years.

The net energy billing program offers significant benefits to the people of Maine, and it would be a shame to stop our progress just as we are seeing results.

I joined a local solar farm in the Fall of 2020, as soon as I learned about Maine's community solar program. Two months later, I built a business around it because, having worked in green building and renewable energy fields for 25 years, I saw an amazing opportunity for almost any Mainer to directly support local, renewable energy and offset rising energy costs.

Further, I saw an opportunity for Maine to produce its energy locally, from sustainable sources, allowing us to avoid the ever increasing and volatile pricing of energy supply from natural gas and other fossil fuels.

Maine's legislature did a great thing in making the benefits of renewable energy accessible to so many people. The results are clear. Thousands of people and businesses are joining community solar farms leading to more solar energy in our state, economic growth, and energy cost savings.

As a lifelong Mainer, I love seeing our state as a leader in a program that helps everyday people, our communities, the entire state, and the planet. Maine's community solar program has benefited many and I believe it should remain an option for my neighbors and fellow Mainers.

Please vote NO on LD 32 and LD 257.

Sincerely,

Tony Napolitano  
Cumberland Resident and  
CEO/Owner, Maine Community Solar