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This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

To Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, my Senator, Nicole Grohoski and other members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology — regarding the following bills which, if passed, would repeal effective laws and incentives surrounding Net Energy Billing (NEB). Passage of these bills would effectively result in a homeowner's and municipalities inability to recover the cost of their solar panel investment.

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LD 32 An Act to Repeal the Laws of Net Energy Billing LD 257 An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing LD 450 An Act to Lower Electricity Costs by Repealing the Laws Governing Net Energy Billing LD 515 An Act to Reverse Recent Changes Made to the Law Governing Net Energy Billing and Distribution Billing

In 2022, inspired by Maine's Climate panels, and wanting to be part of the solution, my husband and I paid over \$25,000 to purchase and install solar panels and buy into a solar farm. At the time of onlining the system, signed a Net Energy Billing agreement with CMP.

The Net Energy Billing program provides a less known benefit by using our expired kWh credits to provide electricity for low income folks. Net Energy Billing works, it allowed my husband and I to join Maine's Won't Wait climate mitigation efforts.

Besides the financial implications to Mainers, we are also walking away from its responsibility to abate this human made existential crisis. Climate change is a scientifically measurable fact

We strongly urge you not to consider the passing of these bills.