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**Testimony Neither for Nor Against
LD 1420, “A Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable
Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce”
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Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology,

My name is Heather Sanborn, here today as Public Advocate, to testify neither for nor against LD 1420, “Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce.”

We thank Senator Lawrence for bringing this bill forward and request that the Public Advocate or her designee be added to the list of stakeholders seated on this Commission. One of the considerations of the Commission is asked to advise on is, “the economic impacts that the energy transition has on low-income ratepayers, including but not limited to strategies to mitigate economic hardship to low-income ratepayers” As you know, this topic is squarely within the statutory responsibilities of the OPA. We note that it is not squarely at the core of the mission of any of the other stakeholders proposed to have seats on the Commission. We would appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the discussions as they unfold.

I welcome your questions and would be pleased to provide additional information for the work session.

Respectfully submitted,
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