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LD 1868: An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable Energy and Clean Procurement Laws.

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

My name is Mike McGuigan, I am a business rep/organizer for Carpenters Union Locals 349 & 352 covering Maine and I live in Windham, ME.

I stand before you neither for nor against LD 1868. In thorry I like the bills concept, but believe there should be better labor standards to address such a large inisutive.

This bill provides guidelines for the State of Maine to succeed in the Clean Energy Industry and will provide good jobs through this process. Protecting workers through the construction phase then ongoing full time employment to maintain the market is crucial to our communities, economy, and growing workforce.

We are depending on Canada to provide energy to Northern Maine with the unpredictibal tarriff charges or the threat of being shut off as well as the ongoing issues with CMP billing. Is an uneasy feeling for most Mainers.

The Governors Energy Office has set an aggressive goal to address these issues with a plan to achieve 100% clean electricity by 2040. Through this bill has the ability to meet that goal under proper State and Federal oversight to protect Maines environment while utilizing Maines natural assets in forestry, wind, solar, and more.

Thank you for your time and I hope to include better labor standards in LD 1868 through the work sessions to move this bill forward.

Thank you,

Mike McGuigan