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To: Cmte EUT
Cc: Lawrence, Mark; Laxon, Lindsay
Subject: 1/20/2026 vote on LD 838

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

My name is Sarah Dennett. I live at 100 Dennett Road, Kittery, Maine, 03904. I support LD 838, an Act To Explore Public Financing and Ownership of Electric Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure. If given a vote, I would vote for it to pass.

For the past 3 years, I have contacted CMP annually to explain my rate structure. I was caught by surprise 3 years ago. My electric bill tripled. I didn't realize I had signed up for "better" rates with another company that would change rates at the end of the year. I need to know my rates will be stable.

I signed up for a solar farm thinking this might help with my electric bill.

This year my solar power farm provider went live, and I'm still trying to figure out how those bills work. My monthly CMP bills were much lower in the summer, when there was more solar power. In the winter, there was a dramatic shift and my CMP cost went up. It wasn't clear how much power I was still getting from the solar farm by the solar farm bill.

CMP said my solar power bills have been based on how much solar there was. It was explained to me by CMP that the solar power billing cycle was data collected over the previous 3 month period. It is hard to navigate the fee structure and understand what savings I get from solar power or if I'm even getting savings. I need to be able to compare rates in a similar fashion, with the same billing cycle

I haven't yet tried to contact the solar company for their explanation of their billing cycle. I was overwhelmed after talking with CMP.

I feel like I have to learn a whole new solar company billing strategy, just to pay my bills.

As a retired individual, the cost of energy is a large part of my annual expenditure. I would like to depend more on electric energy, but I am currently spending most of my money on oil, and I have not been able to convert to a more sustainable source of electricity. Please help!

Sincerely,

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