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Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler, and distinguished members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, my name is Representative Mike Soboleski, and I am here today to speak in opposition to the bill establishing the Maine Clean Energy Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on behalf of the people I represent.

I oppose the creation of LD 838 the Maine Clean Energy Authority. Maine is already one of the highest-taxed states in the nation, and we have the oldest population in the country. Our residents—especially seniors on fixed incomes—are already stretched to the breaking point. Adding yet another authority with new budgets, new staff, and new mandates only deepens the financial strain on people who can least afford it.

This bill also continues a troubling pattern of shifting power away from citizens and toward centralized state control. By creating a new, unelected authority with broad influence over energy policy, infrastructure, and spending, the state takes more from the people while giving them less say. It moves Maine further toward a model where government stands above the people instead of serving them.

Government is supposed to be accountable and subservient to the citizens—not the other way around. Creating another authority with sweeping powers pushes Maine in the wrong direction and erodes the principles of local control, transparency, and self-governance that Mainers value.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to reject this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Soboleski'.

Representative Mike Soboleski
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