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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

Neither For Nor Against

LD 2112 - An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity

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Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee, my name is Tanya Emery, and I am providing testimony neither for nor against LD 2112 to outline our concerns about the bill. The Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) establishes our positions on bills of municipal interest. For reference, MMA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member service organization and aims to help provide policy solutions that work for all residents of Maine.

Municipal leaders are grateful for the opportunity to consider programs that may provide relief to our communities and consumers when it comes to energy prices. Communities are already authorized to work with aggregators to procure energy for their own municipal accounts, and many of them do, so this space is not unfamiliar to us. The concern raised by the LPC regarding LD 2112 is that changes in the electricity landscape at this time will have direct and indirect impacts, and it is unclear what those may be at this time. Consumers are already reeling from the impact of major energy policy decisions in the last few years.

LPC members were concerned about how this may affect small, local electric companies, as well as smaller communities with fewer resources to work with aggregators. We understand from the bill language that there will be no direct impacts to these municipal and cooperative utilities and appreciate any data CCA proponents have on indirect impacts these utilities may experience. Additionally, if our more sophisticated, well-resourced municipalities (with their significant buying power) create CCAs, what will this do to the rest of the pool left with the investor-owned utilities and those on their default service?

Thank you for your time and attention to the municipal perspective on this matter. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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