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**Testimony of Representative Melanie Sachs in support of
LD 2153 "An Act to Transfer the Responsibilities of the Governor's Energy Office to the
Department of Energy Resources"
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Good morning, colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee Energy, Utilities and Technology:

My name is Melanie Sachs, and I am honored to represent the community of Freeport in the Maine Legislature. I am before you today to introduce LD 2153, "*An Act to Transfer the Responsibilities of the Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources*," on behalf of the department.

As was discussed during deliberations on LD 1270 last session, if the Department of Energy Resources were to be established to replace the Governor's Energy Office, a follow-up bill would be necessary to amend the many statutory references to the Governor's Energy Office and replace them with references to the new department. Over the interim, the Department of Energy Resources worked closely with the Revisor's Office to identify and correct those citations which are presented to you in this bill.

While this may not be the most exciting work before the committee, it is an important and necessary step to ensure our statutes are accurate and consistent.

Thank you for your time. I respectfully request that the committee invite a representative from the Department of Energy Resources to speak next and provide additional detail on the bill.