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LD 1845

Dear Committee,

Please consider supporting standards to encourage dark-sky friendly lighting in Maine, especially for government and commercial lighting installations.

LD 1845 as written is very flawed and should be amended, but I do support adopting basic state-wide standards. I suggest the committee consider changes offered by the group Southern Maine Astronomers, which are thoughtful, technically sound, and minimize the burden of compliance.

Light fixtures that are dark-sky friendly - shielded and with low color temperature - usually do not cost more and are no less functional. Any rules should be directed toward new installations and replacement.

Most towns and many businesses are actively replacing lights with LEDs to save electricity, which is great. This also means timeliness is important. The right choices now will preserve and maybe improve our dark skies, and the wrong choices will do the opposite.

Respectfully,  
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