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RE: Testimony in Opposition of LD 249 and LD 583 – An Act To Eliminate the Current Net Energy Billing Policy in Maine and An Act To Repeal the Changes Made by Public Law 2019, Chapter 478, “An Act To Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine.”

Dear Chairs Lawrence and Berry, and members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition of LD 249 and LD 583 - An Act To Eliminate the Current Net Energy Billing Policy in Maine and An Act To Repeal the Changes Made by Public Law 2019, Chapter 478, “An Act To Promote Solar Energy Projects and Distributed Generation Resources in Maine.”

The lofty goals set forth by the Maine Climate Council to cut our state’s carbon emissions, and to promote renewable energies are commendable. If the aforementioned bills were to be enacted, they would be detrimental to the implementation and encouragement of these alternatives to non-renewable energies in our state.

Maine has the opportunity to set an example as an environmental leader. It has long been time to embrace renewable energy projects in our state. Support of bills like these will only hinder our path to a clean energy future for the people of Maine, and of our planet. I believe it is the responsibility of each and every one of us to preserve the quality of air, water and land around us to pass on to future generations. Please rise to the challenge of being stewards of our clean, renewable energy plan by opposing these two bills.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully,

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