

Jon Mark Nyborg  
Sullivan

To: The The Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee; Thank you for considering my viewpoint. I urge rejection of LD 634. Mainer's need more help with their individual household budgets. The way to help Maine families is to provide them the opportunity to go renewable and eliminate their electric bill in the near future. For my family, that's over \$2,400 a year that we can spend locally. Nothing could be better than investing in our families and spending locally, by eliminating future electric bills.

When the last Governor vetoed broadly popular bi partisan 'solar' bills, he vetoed about 3000 local Maine good paying jobs. That's what other New England states had in their solar and renewable, private, small business industry sector. Maine had 300 jobs. This was due to regulations dis 'incentivising' home owner solar'. This bill will hurt small, renewable energy businesses.

Honestly, no matter what CMP says, electrical rates will not go down. The only way we will get electric rates to 'go down' is by putting solar panels 'up'! How often in the last 20 years have power companies applied to reduce rates? The way to help the Maine economy is for many, many Maine families to pay out less and have more in their household budget at the end of the month, and year. Solar electric is an easy way for families to do this.

This utility is supposed to belong to the public, and it should be run in the public interest, with all families having the opportunity to invest in themselves, and to get together with neighbors, and invest in themselves, and neighbors. And when their investment pays off, get their power for free.

Lest someone says this 'hurts' neighbors who don't have solar, not true. The power company gets to 'ship' excess power from neighbors with solar, and sell it next door, to those who don't, saving the cost of shipping it down from Canada.

This is a people's legislative body. I urge you to do the right thing, and more, for the people of Maine. Sincerely, Mark Nyborg Sullivan, Maine