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## **Testimony of Representative Stanley Paige Zeigler**

**Before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utility and Technology** . Good morning, Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry and distinguished members of the Energy, Utility and Technology. My name is Stanley Paige Zeigler, and I represent District 96 consisting of the towns of Belmont, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Palermo and Searsmont. I am writing to support **LD 1432, An Act to Update the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Access Fund.**

The town of Lincolnville in my district is working with 8 other towns in the midcoast area to form a regional utility to bring an open-access network offering upload and download speeds of a least a gigabit per second to unserved towns. To be able to do this they are asking for grants from the ConnectMaine Authority specifically for municipalities and groups of municipalities. With the assistance of these grants, municipal loans and revenue bonds, this regional utility should be able to serve all the citizens of the various towns. I also hope that this utility will be able to reach out to other towns in my district to provide high speed internet services in the near future.

Thank you.