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RE: Testimony in Support of LD 1682 – An Act To Require Consideration of Climate and Equity Impacts by the Public Utilities Commission

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

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of LD 1682 - An Act To Require Consideration of Climate and Equity Impacts by the Public Utilities Commission.

Simply put, this bill would give the PUC the framework to implement the goals of Maine's Climate Action Plan in an equitable manner. Consideration of the effects of decisions made by the commission, on all of Maine's population, should be at the forefront of moving our state's climate action goals into the future in a way that promotes equity and environmental justice. As a small business owner, who is constantly considering the effects of my decisions on the community and environment around me, I urge you to pass this legislation to assist the commission to do the same, when figuring the costs and benefits of it's energy investments.

It is time for all of us in the state of Maine to take responsibility for the well being of all of our populations, including those that are underserved and overburdened, in our quest for a cleaner, greener Maine.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully,

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