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Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry and members of the committee, my name is Maulian Dana and I serve as the Penobscot Nation Tribal Ambassador and I am testifying in support of LD 1682 An Act To Require Consideration of Climate and Equity Impacts by the Public Utilities Commission and I want to thank Representative Doudera for her outreach to the Climate Council Sub-Committee on Equity, of which I am a co-chair. I am not testifying as an endorsement of this bill from the full subcommittee but to offer my personal support.

The Maine Won't Wait plan from the Climate Council is a plan that seeks to take bold action to combat the climate crisis while taking into consideration the lives of all Mainers. The equity considerations have been an integral part of the work of both the full council and certainly our subcommittee. Environmental justice, racial and economic equity, and holding space for frontline and vulnerable communities are all critical factors to consider when advancing climate work. I strongly support this bill because it takes a step to put this into practice through the PUC.

I look forward to any future collaboration and urge you to vote ought to pass.

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