



**Testimony of**

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**Before the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology in Support of LD 385 –  
An Act to Amend Conflicts in and Make Other Changes To the Laws Governing the  
Efficiency Maine Trust**

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Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, my name is Dana Doran, and I am the Executive Director of the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. The Professional Logging Contractors of Maine (PLC) is the voice of independent logging and associated trucking contractors throughout the state of Maine. The PLC was formed in 1995 to represent independent contractors in a rapidly changing forest industry.

As of 2017, logging and trucking contractors in Maine employed over 3,900 people directly and were indirectly responsible for the creation of an additional 5,400 jobs. This employment and the investments that contractors make contributed \$620 million to the state's economy. Our membership, which includes 200 contractor members and an additional 100 associate members, employs over half of the individuals who work in this industry and is also responsible for 80% of Maine's annual timber harvest.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify on behalf of our membership in support of LD 385 – An Act to Amend Conflicts in and Make Other Changes To the Laws Governing the Efficiency Maine Trust. We are supportive of the intent of the sponsor to make changes to the statute governing Efficiency Maine Trust. With this in mind, we are not in favor of Section 1, #7 or #8. We understand the Administration does support both goals and they were included in the most recent Maine Climate Action Plan. However, there were many other goals also included in the Action Plan which are not referenced in this legislation. We feel that it is premature to only include these two goals in statute without considering other goals also included in the plan. This effectively creates winners and losers in statute and does not provide equity with other technologies that can also assist with the achievement of Maine's climate goals. Thus, if this legislation does move forward, we would ask that either #7 and #8 are removed or there is a more holistic discussion of including other goals from the Action Plan that should be included in statute for Efficiency Maine Trust to focus on.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the opinion of our membership before you today and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.