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Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry, and members of the committee, my name is Maulian Dana and I serve as Tribal Ambassador for the Penobscot Nation. I am submitting testimony in support of LD 1708. My reasons for my support are based in the historic stewardship practices of my people and the protection we all need to be embracing for the environment. The work we have done around the climate crisis has moving away from carbon as a central theme. As we look to increased electric power as an alternative we need to consider the source, methodology, economic ramifications, consumer service needs, and the need to create green energy. This bill would assist the move towards green energy and it would make for a more favorable climate for local jobs, revenue staying in Maine, and I am interested in the ways it may strengthen tribal sovereignty. I thank Rep Berry for his hard work on this and for collaborating with tribal leaders. I urge you to vote ought to pass. Thank you.