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Hello Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry, and members of the committee,  
My name is Nathan Davis. I serve on the Rockland City Council, and I testify today in support of L.D. 1708, "An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company". I wish to convey not only my own support, but also the support of the City of Rockland, whose City Council on May 10 unanimously passed a resolve that "strongly urges the Maine Legislature and Governor to pass legislation to replace Central Maine Power and Versant with a locally controlled utility or utilities, governed by a board elected directly by Maine people, and focused entirely on reducing outages and rates while boosting our broadband access and energy independence."

Having delivered that message of municipal support, I will now speak only for myself. I don't want to duplicate what I anticipate will be salient points of the testimony of other supporters of this legislation concerning pricing, fairness, efficiency, and climate change. Instead, I wish only to emphasize the absurdity of allowing a foreign for-profit corporation to exert monopoly control over a large and vital component of the basic infrastructure of our civilization. L.D. 1708 seeks to remedy this obviously unsatisfactory situation, and I urge you to support it.

Thank you.