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To: EUT Committee From: Francis M. Weld

Re: L.D. 1708, An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of this bill. For all of the reasons expounded by others testifying in favor. For our grandchildren. For our planet. We urgently need to take bold steps to bring our actions into line with environmental and climate limits. This is, ultimately, a practical undertaking. And LD 1708 is a practical bill.

The bill sets forth a stable mechanism for most affordably updating and expanding the grid. If we are to move away from fossil fuels, if we are to electrify as much as possible, thus reducing carbon output, this is the only way we can afford to do so.

Scientists tell us that climate change is accelerating. We cannot afford to dither. We cannot wait.

I urge you, as a concerned citizen, to vote "ought to pass" on LD 17080.

Respectfully submitted,

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