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LD 1986

I'm on the Board of York Ready for Climate Action in York, Maine, though today I'm testifying as an individual.

Our new Energy Coach Program helps residents electrify their homes and get that power from a clean source – often that's community solar. We need Maine to make community solar more accessible, not less, so we would not support repealing net energy billing (NEB) as LD 1347 calls for. We would support LD 1986 that enacts the work of the Distributed Generation Stakeholder working group, which would address concerns about the cost of community solar without retroactive changes, and would require considering the financial benefits in understanding cost.

Maine is up to the challenge of making community solar simple, accessible, and affordable to all our residents. We'd better be; a successful transition to clean energy and an updated grid, which are critical to meeting the goals of Maine Won't Wait, is dependent on wide acceptance of clean energy sources by our residents. It's a message our Energy Coaches need to carry to the residents we assist.

Thank you for your hard work.  
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