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Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler, Members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology my name is Christopher Shannon. I remember sitting in a defensive fighting position in the Middle East, in MOPP level 4 awaiting imminent scud attack dreaming of the magical Maine forests. I grew up a member of the "lower class" in Lisbon Falls. My dream at that time was for a small piece of land to call my very own. Some place I could love and put my heart and soul into. Some place I could give to my son when I was gone and he could see what I held dear to me. I found that place in Palermo. A camp with solar power, not even connected to the grid. It is a small lot for sure but it is magical. In that time the we have been blessed to care for this particular piece of land we have seen moose, fishers, deer, countless variety of birds, butterflies. We have plants that have not yet been identified in Waldo County. We just spent six months holding our breath as LS Power want to take our land from us to build a transmission line, and now is bill wants to start that process all over again. Those who support this bill it's for the great good, but haven't I sacrificed enough. I have PTSD and still have a hard time sleeping at night and yet that doesn't appear to be enough. I am certainly not against renewable energy but certainly there has to be a better way to accomplish these goals. Please don't take my land.
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