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Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic  
Advancement and Business  
Cross building, Room 202  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LD 149 An Act to Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from other jurisdictions.

Dear Senator Curry, Representative Roberts and members of the IDEA committee,

On behalf of the employee owners of ReVision Energy, I ask you for your support for LD 149, an Act to Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from other jurisdictions.

ReVision Energy is a Maine based, 100% Employee owned, clean energy company. Our Mission is to help transition the Maine economy away from fossil fuels and to clean renewable energy while alleviating social and economic injustice in the communities where we live and work. We do that through the design, engineering, finance, installation and service of clean energy systems including solar, energy storage, highly efficient heat pump based heating and water heating systems, as well as electric vehicle charging infrastructure. From our founding in Liberty, Maine in 2003, we've grown from two employees working out of a Waldo county barn to over 280 employee-owners today working out of 5 offices and serving all of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont. In 2020, ReVision Energy was named Top Rooftop solar contractor in all of New England and we are also proudly a Certified B Corp, committed to a multi stakeholder approach and a view that business can be and ought to be a powerful force to change the world for the better.

As a growing company in a growing industry, ReVision understands first hand the work force challenges that Maine faces. While we have been incredibly lucky to attract and retain an absolutely amazing group of gifted, passionate and dedicated co-owners to our company, we experience the same challenges as others in attracting enough applicants to meet our open positions in the skilled trades, including Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC professionals among other roles. In fact, we've found the need in the skilled trades to be so acute that in the last several years, ReVision has even started a first in the nation solar focused, state certified electrician apprentice training program, which we call RETC- ReVision Energy Training Center, to help train the 'green collar' work force that Maine desperately needs to advance the coming clean energy transition.

The coming clean energy transition represents the greatest wealth creation opportunity in a generation, and Maine's abundant clean energy resources represent a unique opportunity to spread those benefits broadly and equitably across the State. But in order for Maine to take advantage of that opportunity, we will need a skilled work force to build that clean energy infrastructure. In addition to continuing to train and educate our existing workforce and population, Maine will need to continue to attract passionate and talented individuals from outside of Maine to fill those opportunities.

We believe the ideas advanced in LD 149 are an important step in doing that. LD 149 is based on the report of the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to this



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committee submitted pursuant to Resolve 2019 c 79 and represents common sense modernization and added flexibility to Maine's existing system of professional regulation and credentialing. Specifically, we support providing accelerated pathways for individuals from other states as well as other countries to bring their skills and experience to Maine's workforce, while maintaining the high standards of licensure that ensure Maine consumers are protected and Maine's reputation of excellence, craftsmanship and high quality are rigorously protected.

Now perhaps more than ever before, Maine is a wonderfully attractive destination for people from all around the country and all around the world and Maine is lucky to continue to attract some of the best and brightest across a variety of professions to our State. When these new Mainer's arrive here in Maine, we should ensure that they each have the opportunity to contribute in their best and highest way to continued progress and prosperity for themselves, their families and their new home State and LD 149 takes a reasonable and nuanced approach to ensure competence and proficiency while also recognizing a diversity of backgrounds and paths to credentialing.

Maine is facing a workforce crisis and LD 149 takes urgently needed steps to ensure that all who move to Maine and want to work can do so in their chosen careers, as quickly as possible, without sacrificing competence and quality. We encourage the committee to advance this important bill to the floor with an 'ought to pass' recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and thank you for your service to the legislature and the State of Maine.

Respectfully,

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Please find attached my testimony in support of LD149.  
Thank you.