

Steve Temple
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To the members of the committee on state and local government.

My name is Steve Temple I am the General Manager of Sail Energy DBA Murray Heutz Oil and Propane in Turner, ME We serve approximately 7000 customers in Oxford, Androscoggin, and Cumberland County.

I have been in the residential and commercial heating industry in this state for 23 years. In that time, I have seen the many different options Mainers have in fuel sources take their turns at the bottom, and the top, of both supply and cost. Without the option to choose, Mainers could find themselves in a place financially, that they cannot recover from. Additionally, Maine employs thousands of people in the energy industry to include hard working Mainers in oil, kerosene, propane, natural gas, wood, wood pellets, solar and electricity. That is a large segment of employees to consider when removing them from the workforce. Our neighbor the state of NH was faced with and signed into law SB86. Just as it was important to them to put in a law to protect their choice, it is equally important to the Mainers that I have spoken with and served all these years.

In that light I submit testimony in support of LD 894 and thank Senator Harrington for sponsoring such an important piece of legislation.

Respectfully,
Steve Temple,
Murray Heutz Oil and Propane