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Chairman Lawrence, Chairman Berry and Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee,

The Office of the Public Advocate (“OPA”) testifies neither for nor against LD 1139 “An Act To Eliminate Restrictions on Capacity and the Number of Accounts for Net Energy Billing” which provides that the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) may not limit the installed capacity of an eligible facility or the number of accounts or meters a customer or shared ownership customer may designate for net energy billing. The current commission rules limit the capacity to 660 kilowatts and the number of meters or accounts to 10.

As I stated to you in previous testimony of the OPA this session net energy billing is a complicated subject.

LD 1139 is one of many proposed bills that have already and will come before you this session relating to the topic of net energy billing. I will reiterate what I said before – this is an important topic and has already had a significant amount of stakeholder discussion and should be addressed in a more comprehensive manner.

The Office of the Public Advocate respectfully suggests that all net energy billing related legislation be directed to stakeholders for review and further discussion and would be an active participant in such a group.

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration of this testimony. The Office of the Public Advocate looks forward to working with the Committee on LD 1139, and will be present at the work session to assist the Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,



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