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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 in support of LD 1748 “An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs” which allows Efficiency Maine Trust (“EMT”) or a municipality to establish a commercial property assessed clean energy program to finance energy savings improvements on qualifying property.

The OPA supports LD 1748 as a mechanism for the funding of energy efficiency programs that save customers money and also reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

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 1748, and will be present at the work session to assist the Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Barry J. Hobbins'.

Barry J. Hobbins, Public advocate