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**Testimony in Support
LD 905, “An Act to Clarify the Process To Transfer Funds Resulting From Unused
Kilowatt-Hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-Income Electricity
Customers”**

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and distinguished members of the Joint
Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology,

My name is Heather Sanborn, here today as Public Advocate, to testify in support of
LD 905, “An Act to Clarify the Process To Transfer Funds Resulting From Unused
Kilowatt-Hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-Income Electricity
Customers.”

This is a technical bill that will clarify and simplify the flows of money from expired
net energy billing credits to the low-income assistance program (LIAP) so that the funds are
remitted directly to MaineHousing, rather than flowing first to the PUC. We support the
PUC’s efforts to streamline the LIAP program with this change.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration of this testimony and urge you
to support the bill. The Office of the Public Advocate looks forward to working with the
Committee on LD 905 and will be available if requested for the work session to assist the
Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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