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**Testimony Neither for nor Against  
LD 442, “An Act Regarding Renewable Energy Projects”  
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Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology,

My name is William Harwood and I am the Public Advocate, here today to testify neither for nor against LD 442, “An Act Regarding Renewable Energy Projects.”

The OPA is open to more study but does not think there should be a moratorium on new renewable projects. We should continue to identify and analyze all of the factors affecting the future cost of electricity. However, we should avoid any abrupt starting and stopping of the regulatory review process for new facilities. Investors need to have confidence that the rules affecting projects under development will not be dramatically changed during the development process.

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 442 and will be available for the work session to assist the Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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