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**Office of the Public Advocate Testimony in SUPPORT of LD 593 "An Act to Allow the Resale of Electricity by Electric Vehicle Charging Stations"**

Chairman Dion, Chairman Woodsome and Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee,

The Office of the Public Advocate testifies in support of LD 593. This bill makes minor changes to Title 35-A to eliminate regulatory barriers that limit the deployment of electric chargers. Specifically, the bill offers a limited exemption to allow car-charging stations to sell electricity to owners of plug-in electric vehicles, without incurring the costs and regulatory burden associated with certification as a competitive electricity provider.

We believe the bill offers a minimalist approach that could allow for the development of private electric car-charging stations in Maine. We have monitored the results of Central Maine Power's Electric Vehicle Pilot Project, created as a result of the Stipulation resolving the Maine Power Reliability Program, and look forward to learning more about the potential impact of electric vehicles on the electric grid as this market develops.

At this time, we are not planning to participate in work sessions on this bill, but would be happy to do so upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

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