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New Hampshire House of Representatives  
Science Technology and Energy Committee  
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Concord, NH 03301

**Support of SB538-FN: extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects.**

I urge you to support **SB538**, which enables a 20-year period of net metering credits for solar projects that serve our communities. As New Hampshire looks to secure a more sustainable energy future, it is important to diversify electrical energy generation and energy sources.

New Hampshire and the New England region have a high dependency on natural gas for home and industrial heating and electrical generation. The cost and availability of natural gas is volatile. It is not uncommon for the price of natural gas to spike during the winter when demand is at its peak. The region incurs substantial delivery charges as New England has no natural gas resources. All of the fuel consumed in the region is imported via pipeline, sea tanker or shipping over via overland modalities. For Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) specialized regasification and gas blending facilities are also needed. As electrical consumption increases there will also be the need for additional pipeline infrastructure and storage facilities. The transport of natural gas and other fossil fuels also consumes additional energy for fuel processing, dehydration and purification as required to meet tariff standards. Transportation and fuel processing consumes fuel which produces additional Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), Nitrous Oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) and Sulphur Oxide (SO<sub>x</sub>) emissions thereby contributing to global warming and climate change. Climate change and emissions are detrimental to health and the environment resulting in a stagnant and regressive economy.

**SB538** provides stability for municipal group net-metering projects. By securing that these projects, towns, cities, counties, and school districts—can rely on net-metering revenue for a full 20 years and communities are empowered to invest in clean renewable energy with confidence. Legislation that helps local governments manage energy costs will be an important component of the state's energy plan.

**SB538** is a common-sense step toward reducing municipal energy bills by expanding access to clean energy and encouraging local investment. Supporting this bill means less pressure on local property tax rates and a stronger, more resilient energy grid in New Hampshire.

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