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Dr R Seidler - Online testimony in support of SB 449 & SB 538

Dear Gov. Ayotte, Commissioner Chicoine, Director Eliot, & Policy Advisor Holderith,

Recent events in the Middle East make it clear once again that we in New Hampshire (and the US) desperately need to make ourselves independent of the global market for hydrocarbons. There are too many reasons to list all of them here, but they include:

- energy affordability,
- respiratory health,
- ecosystem sustainability,
- climate resilience, and
- ethics.

We need the basic policy support that will allow distributed solar energy systems to receive the necessary up-front investments. Such systems are ready to install now, and only require the policy framework to be strengthened so that investments can be made.

The need is too urgent to simply allow several more decades to pass while SMRs are researched, designed and developed, funded, licensed, constructed, and approved.

Please support the bipartisan bills **SB 449 and SB 538**. Together, these will go some way toward protecting our net metering programs and helping NH develop an energy economy in which renewables compete on a level playing field with hydrocarbons.

Many thanks for your leadership in this matter.

Sincerely,

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