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The Honorable Michael Vose
House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee
Legislative Office Building
33 North State Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

On behalf of Ski New Hampshire and our 30+ member ski areas, I write to express our strong support for SB 449-FN. This legislation is a practical step toward expanding energy choice, improving cost predictability, and strengthening New Hampshire's local energy economy.

Ski areas are among the most energy-intensive businesses in the state, with significant electricity needs driven by snowmaking and lift operations. As a result, our members are highly motivated to explore opportunities to self-generate power or participate in local renewable energy projects to better manage costs and ensure long-term stability.

When asked, several of our members expressed interest in investing in solar projects in the 1 MW to 5 MW range. However, without a commercial and industrial net metering policy that supports projects of this size, these investments are not financially viable. SB 449-FN provides the framework necessary to make such projects feasible.

This bill also offers important flexibility. It allows ski areas to either build on-site systems or act as offtakers for off-site projects up to 5 MW. This is especially critical, as many ski areas lack suitable land for solar development. The ability to partner with developers on off-site arrays ensures broader access to renewable energy solutions.

As New Hampshire faces increasing energy demand, expanding local, distributed energy resources is essential. Solar energy, in particular, can be deployed quickly and help meet near-term needs while supporting local economic development.

This legislation builds on prior successful expansions of net metering for municipalities and extends similar opportunities to the business community. It empowers businesses to invest in their own energy solutions while contributing to a more resilient and diverse energy system.

We respectfully urge the Committee to support SB 449-FN. Thank you for your consideration and leadership.

Sincerely,

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