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Dear Sens. Avard, Pearl, McConkey, Watters, and Rosenwald:

We write to ask for your support for SB 538, *an act extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects*.

Since its inception, the net metering program in New Hampshire has granted net metered projects at least a 20-year term during which they generate net metering credits. In 2021, the legislature acted to open the net metering program to municipalities and public entities. Relying upon the 20-year term provided, we have commenced development of net metering projects on

public land we control and joined other municipal net metering projects under development as offtakers. These projects will bring our entities long-term electricity savings as well as lease and tax revenues.

There is broad consensus amongst industry and the electric utilities that a 20-year term is good policy as it creates reasonable certainty for financiers, generators, and public entities, and the Value of Distributed Energy Resources study completed by the Department of Energy found that the total value municipal net metering offers to ratepayers more than offsets its costs.

The PUC unfortunately upset this consensus in docket 22-060. SB 538 offers a legislative fix by reversing the PUC's decision and restoring a 20-year term for net metering projects like ours. We support this legislation and respectfully request its designation as "Ought to pass".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Elvis Dhima', written in a cursive style.

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