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The Honorable H. Stedman Seavey
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Dear Rep. Seavey,

On behalf of the board of Maine Conservation Voters, we thank you for your steadfast support of the solar bill, LD 1649. The legislation you voted for would have created more solar power across the state, created new solar jobs, and specified 8 megawatts for agricultural solar while saving all ratepayers money on their electric bills. We think this was a wonderful bill, arrived at by good process.

Your courage and tenacity in working to advance this historic solar bill is lauded. We understand that leaders in the Republican caucus as well as the governor strongly encouraged you to back away from the bill. In the face of significant pressure, you demonstrated integrity.

We are sorely disappointed that the solar bill fell two votes shy of overriding the governor's veto but appreciate the groundwork you helped lay on solar power. Hopefully this legislation will come to fruition next session.

Thank you for choosing to serve in the legislature; Maine has benefitted from your leadership. Speaking as Republicans, you make us proud.

Respectfully,

Roger Berle, MCV board president

I now look forward to our next opportunity to work together to make solar sense -

Sherry Huber, MCV board member

