New Hampshire General Court
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03303

February 13, 2019

Dear Members of the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee,

As businesses and institutions with significant operations in New Hampshire, we support efforts to accelerate clean energy adoption in the Granite State. Specifically, we write to express our strong support for HB 365, a bill relative to net energy metering limits for customer-generators.

Clean energy helps businesses cut costs, reduce their exposure to the volatility of fossil fuel prices, and stay competitive. Net metering is a crucial policy which ensures ratepayers who provide clean, reliable electricity to the grid from renewable energy projects are compensated for producing energy and reducing strain on the system. New Hampshire companies are increasingly making the decision to invest in clean energy solutions, and it is important that they are not penalized for interest in building larger projects, and that consumer generators are compensated at or near retail electricity rates. The proposal to increase the net metering project cap from 1 MW to 5 MW in HB 365 would make our electric grid more stable, reduce our reliance on imported fossil fuels, and would save New Hampshire businesses money.

New Hampshire's heavy reliance on imported fossil fuels forces our citizens and businesses to send millions of dollars every year out of our state's economy. Accelerating clean energy development would create jobs, foster economic growth, and make our state more competitive in a region where our neighbors are doubling down on clean energy investment.

Increasing the net metering project cap is a crucial reform for the New Hampshire business community, and we hope you will allow HB 365 to become law to increase the cap from 1 to 5 MW.

Sincerely,

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