

**Statement of Steve Konstantino, Maine Green Building Supply
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Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Steve Konstantino and I'm the owner of Maine Green Building Supply.

We are the green economy (*gesturing to other speakers*). Just look around here today. There are jobs and business opportunities making Maine homes more energy efficient, building clean energy systems like solar and wind, supplying and installing non-toxic finishes and other green building materials and applying our knowledge to solving the environmental and energy challenges we face today.

My business has doubled this year selling efficient lighting, solar systems and green building products. Business is booming for me, but imagine how many other businesses could be growing and creating good jobs if policy makers would just jumpstart the clean energy revolution.

We would solve so many problems at once, like energy security, Maine's dollar drain, jobs for our people and helping Maine families deal with skyrocketing fuel costs... not to mention protecting our environment and helping to solve global warming.

In Maine, we're facing an energy crisis and an economic downturn. There is no better time to invest in the sectors that are going to get us off our oil addiction and get us plugged in to the clean energy economy.