

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. I founded Maine Green Building Supply in 2002 with a primary focus on energy conservation products and zero combustion technologies. We have since added other responsible building materials and finishes in response to the growing awareness of green building techniques.

We are the green economy (*gesturing to other speakers*). There are jobs and business opportunities making Maine homes and businesses more energy efficient, building clean energy systems, supplying and installing other green building materials and applying our knowledge to solving the environmental and energy challenges we face today.

My business has more than 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 jumpstart the clean energy revolution.

In Maine, we're facing an energy crisis. 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. We can either guide the change with good policy or chase it as it careens down the hill.