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The Honorable Jeb Bradley, Chair
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
State House Room 100
Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 1116 – Relative to Net Metering.

Dear Senator Bradley:

The New Hampshire Planners Association (NHPA), representing close to 200 land use planning professionals in our state working at all levels of government and in the private sector, takes this opportunity to express support for HB 1116 modifying the cap on net energy metering tariffs and requiring the NH Public Utilities Commission to develop alternative net energy metering tariffs.

HB 1116 sets the new cap at 100 MW, doubling the current cap. This increase represents a recognition of pent up demand for customer-generated systems and potential growth of renewable energy within the next year. The NHPA supports energy policy which promotes smart growth, addresses climate change and secures sustainability. Further, this bill accords with the State's Energy Strategy, and provides predictability for investors in customer generated renewable energy systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Carr

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Director of Planning & Economic Development, Town of Jaffrey

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