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**Delegate Dana Stein’s Testimony in Support of
HB 1214 – Residential Retail Electricity – Green Power –
Renewable Energy Credits and Marketing Claims**

Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Environment, Energy, and Education Committee:

In the past year, I’ve received eight or more solicitations from a clean-energy retail supplier trying to get me to switch my power to them. Like similar companies, this retail supplier advertises 100% clean, pollution-free energy.

I haven’t considered switching, because I’m fine with my standard offer service, plus, the power rate is higher and varies after the third month of service.

But I have often wondered: how does a consumer confirm that the energy supplied by these companies advertising 100% clean, pollution-free energy is indeed 100% clean and pollution-free? To me, those terms should include energy from solar, wind, geothermal, ocean, or small hydro.

As amended in the House, this bill will require that anyone marketing green energy will have to provide the following disclosure in its solicitations:

“If you purchase this energy plan, you are agreeing to purchase local utility distribution grid electricity that is paired with renewable energy credits (“RECs”) in an amount sufficient to match the percent of “green power” electricity in your contract.”

I consider this bill to be consumer-protection legislation.

I urge a favorable vote.