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**Testimony of Bruce Metrick, submitted to the Joint Standing Committee
on Environment and Natural Resources, regarding LD-901, "An Act To Amend
The Laws Governing the Determination of a Wind Energy Development's
Effect on the Scenic Character of Maine's Special Places (3-23-17)**

Senator Saviello, Representative Tucker and respective members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Bruce Metrick, I am a resident of Waldoboro and I am an Engineering Manager at CIANBRO. I am here today to testify in opposition to LD-901, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Determination of a Wind Energy Development's Effect on the Scenic Character of Maine's Special Places".

CIANBRO is a 100% employee owned construction and construction services firm headquartered in Pittsfield, Maine, routinely operating in over forty States, employing nearly 4,000 team members; over 1,300 of which are Maine residents.

In our opinion this bill would serve to significantly modify the wind energy legislation that was previously debated and resolved when LD 1147 was introduced during the 126th Legislative Session. The bill would add new requirements that would certainly introduce another level of uncertainty for new business development in our State and potentially add barriers to future investment and job growth. Potential job creators could easily envision this revision of current law and policy as a rollback of the business friendly environment the State has been fostering.

Specifically adding the 15 mile radius criteria under this bill significantly restricts development and landowner rights in a very large area of the State.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our position on this matter.