

Maine Federal Climate Coalition

40 Organizations Call for Federal Climate and Clean Energy Legislation

We the undersigned 40 organizations, representing over 150,000 Mainers, are encouraged by recent bipartisan efforts in the U.S. Senate to pass comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation that could create millions of jobs, strengthen U.S. national security, and cut harmful pollution.

Maine's Senators have demonstrated leadership on these issues, and their continued leadership is needed now more than ever.

Unaddressed, climate change poses a serious long-term threat to Maine's economy, environment, and the health and quality of life of Maine people. Researchers at the University of Maine's Climate Change Institute have shown that significant changes already are underway due to climate change, and are likely to worsen. That is why action is needed now. Addressing climate change has become an urgent requirement if we hope to provide a sustainable world for future generations.

Maine businesses are well-positioned to play a meaningful role in creating a clean energy economy, and will do so if Congress passes a comprehensive climate and clean energy bill that invests in energy efficiency and renewable energy development, while capping greenhouse gas emissions so that we reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

For these reasons, we encourage Maine's congressional delegation to use their considerable influence to help secure passage of a comprehensive clean energy and climate bill this year. We suggest that April 22nd – the 40th anniversary of Earth Day – would be a particularly meaningful milestone for achieving forward motion on this vital issue.

*member organizations listed on back side of page

The organizations are:

1Sky

Alaska Wilderness League

Bike Coalition of Maine

Chewonki

Coastal Enterprises Inc.

Conservation Law Foundation

Endangered Species Coalition

Engage Maine

Environment Maine

Environment Northeast

Environmental Health Strategy Center

Friends of Casco Bay

GrowSmart Maine

Maine Audubon

Maine Center for Economic Policy

Maine Congress of Lake Associations

Maine Council of Churches

Maine Council of Trout Unlimited

Maine Equal Justice

Maine Interfaith Power & Light

Maine League of Conservation Voters

Maine League of Young Voters

Maine Organic Farmers & Growers Assn

Maine People's Alliance

Maine Physicians for Social Responsibility

Maine Public Health Association

Maine Rivers

Maine State Employees Association/SEIU Local 1989

Maine Wilderness Guides Organization

Midcoast Green Collaborative

National Wildlife Federation

Natural Resources Council of Maine

Northern Forest Alliance

Opportunity Maine

Preble Street

Repower America

Sierra Maine

The Nature Conservancy

The Wilderness Society

Toxics Action Center