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Senator Michael Thibodeau, Chair  
Representative Stacey Fitts, Chair  
Joint Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology

Dear Energy & Utilities Committee:

We believe energy efficiency is a critical strategy for reducing business costs in Maine. We strongly support the direction Maine has been going in, including with Efficiency Maine, which offers needed technical and financial assistance to make efficiency investments more possible.

Please leave Efficiency Maine independent and flexible, so that they can focus on maximizing energy savings as they have over the past year. We oppose legislation, such as LD 1864, that would make efficiency funds more vulnerable to raiding or subject its budget to a politicized process. We also oppose efforts that undermine Efficiency Maine's use of competitive bidding to implement programs, and re-directing funding away from cost-effective programs and towards utility profits. Making it more part of state government and the budget process for state agencies will make Efficiency Maine more bureaucratic, and that is the last thing we want.

Please don't pass major legislation in haste that would undermine our progress toward greater energy efficiency.

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