Dear Senators Collins and King:

The undersigned businesses are part of Maine’s clean energy sector. We develop, finance, install and maintain a diverse array of large and small renewable energy projects, and help Maine people and businesses make cost-effective investments to use energy more efficiently. We employ Maine people in quality jobs while making Maine more energy independent and more sustainable. We are writing to thank you for your initial votes to defend the Clean Power Plan and urge you to continue to support it because it is good for Maine’s climate and good for our economy.

Maine has a long history with renewable energy and energy efficiency. From wood energy and hydropower a century ago, Maine’s clean energy economy today is extremely diverse. From wood pellets and tidal energy to wind and solar power, our businesses translate Maine’s renewable energy advantage into greater energy security and good paying local jobs.

Of course the cleanest unit of energy is the gallon of fuel or kilowatt-hour of power not needed when we use energy more efficiently. Our businesses are helping Maine homes, businesses and institutions become as energy efficient as possible, whether that is blowing insulation into attics or installing high-efficiency commercial HVAC equipment.

Maine has accelerated energy savings by leveraging our participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Since it started in 2008-2009, Maine has channeled $70 million into energy efficiency investments that lower energy bills year after year, including home heating oil costs for tens of thousands of Mainers. We hope and expect Maine to continue with this smart approach.

Although RGGI is achieving its direct purpose of cutting climate pollution from power plants, it is also lowering energy costs, improving our economy, and creating quality clean energy jobs. RGGI positions Maine perfectly for the Clean Power Plan because it has already established a comparable carbon standard, provides direct savings from energy efficiency investments, and helps level the playing field with more polluting regions upwind of Maine.

Moving forward regionally and nationally with clean energy policies is important for protecting Maine’s climate and natural resources. It is also a foundation for lower energy costs for Mainers and further growth in clean energy businesses like ours. We urge you to continue to support RGGI and defend the Clean Power Plan.
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