



Broad Support for the Comprehensive Solar Bill that will Increase Solar Power and Solar Jobs in Maine

"For five years Maine has trailed the rest of the region on solar policy, and we have seen direct results: Maine has the fewest solar jobs per capita of any state in our region and we also have the lowest solar capacity per capita. This bill will serve to significantly increase solar capacity in our state, reduce energy costs for all Mainers, and support local economic development in communities across the state. And it costs us nothing."

Vaughan Woodruff, Owner, Insource Renewables

"IRC Solar Roof Systems supports the effort to energize a commercial and industrial solar program in the state of Maine. Our team looks forward to providing more long-term commercial roofing and solar solutions to business owners across the state. We look forward to building more local solar and solar roofing installation opportunities for our employees, customers and community."

Kurt Penney, Business Development, IRC Solar Roof Systems

"Maine's solar industry has created hundreds of good jobs and installed millions of watts of clean power, increasing our energy supply, which in the long run lowers costs for everyone. As an energy efficiency contractor working with commercial clients, I see firsthand how solar is becoming a better and better investment. Now that the legislature has had a chance to study the value that solar delivers for Maine, I'm looking forward to seeing Republicans, Democrats and independents come together to pass common sense solar legislation that will create more good jobs and clean energy here in Maine."

Fred Horch, Co-Founder, Spark Applied Efficiency

"Maine Audubon supports the proposed comprehensive solar legislation that will give Maine a big boost in expanding solar power here in Maine in terms of both increasing the amount of solar power generated and increasing opportunities for community solar. Maine Audubon is proud to host a 42 KW solar system at our Gilsland Farm headquarters located in Falmouth. The system provides approximately 84% of our electricity at Gilsland Farm. Climate change is the number one threat to wildlife and habitat in Maine. It's incumbent on us to support efforts to advance solar power, thereby reducing carbon emissions. We think the proposed legislation has a lot to offer and we urge the Legislature to approve it."

Jenn Burns Gray, staff attorney and advocate, Maine Audubon

"Our dependence on fossil fuels has led to a litany of diseases through climate change and air pollution. Growing Maine's solar production moves us toward a healthier tomorrow for our children and families."

Karen A D'Andrea, Executive Director, Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine Chapter

"What will it take to make our air healthier to breathe? Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels has got to be at the top of the list. Every new solar panel installed is less dirty air, less carbon pollution and fewer bad ozone days. That translates into fewer asthma attacks, fewer missed days of school or work, and lower health costs across the board. More solar power in Maine is good for our lungs and good for our economy."

Lance Boucher, Director of Public Policy, American Lung Association in Maine