



Invest in Lower Energy Costs and Jobs for Mainers

Support: LD 1094 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects

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Mainers pay more for heating than any other state in the nation because of our older homes and reliance on heating oil.

LD 1094 will give voters the opportunity to approve a \$20 million bond on the November 2021 ballot, focused on reducing energy bills for senior citizens, low-income residents, Maine towns and cities, and schools through cost-effective weatherization and energy-efficiency investments.

Lower Energy Bills for Those Who Need the Help the Most

- Maine's older buildings that have not been weatherized cost families, towns, and schools in unnecessarily high electricity and heating bills.
- Low-income residents, and especially low-income rural residents, often pay a much higher percentage of their incomes to meet home energy needs.
- Expanding the state's successful energy efficiency and weatherization programs will deliver immediate energy cost savings to homeowners, businesses, and municipalities.

Energy Efficiency Jobs and More Comfortable Homes and Schools

- A \$20 million weatherization bond will create an estimated \$45 million in lifetime energy savings for Maine people and support nearly 200 jobs.
- The \$10 million in funding for seniors and low-income residents would save the average homeowner approximately \$300 a year.
- The \$10 million funding for Maine schools and municipalities will create \$33.5 million in lifetime energy savings, saving taxpayer money by easing municipal budgets.
- More than 1,500 homes would be weatherized by Efficiency Maine, saving 200,000 gallons of heating fuel a year and reducing 105 million pounds of carbon pollution, the equivalent of taking 10,000 cars off the road.

Fund the Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Bond for a Healthier Future

The energy efficiency and weatherization bond will deliver results for Maine people, local businesses, and municipalities. We know this from Efficiency Maine's record of success.

Helping Homeowners Cut Their Oil Bills

Facing rising energy prices, Linda Edwards of Clinton decided to make weatherization improvements before moving into her new home.

Using Efficiency Maine's residential program and with help from a local weatherization contractor from Waterville, Linda cut costs before she got her first oil bill! Her new home was about 25% more energy efficient than when she bought it.

A Dream Home Becomes More Comfortable

When they moved into their dream home in Bucksport, Kim and Jim Johnson, retired nurse and mailman, were disappointed with its poor heating energy efficiency. After experiencing a cold, drafty, and expensive winter, they hired a local crew from Penobscot Home Performance to complete an energy evaluation and make home heating improvements.

The project—financed with Efficiency Maine incentives and a Power Saver loan—dramatically improved the heating, cooling, and air quality in the home, making it their dream home after all.



Supporting Local Businesses

With more than 40 years of boatbuilding experience, Lyman Morse Boatbuilding is a leader in the custom boatbuilding industry. When a new facility was needed, energy efficiency was prioritized in design and construction.

The building is 54% more efficient than a standard building of the same size, saving Lyman Morse more than \$75,000 in heating costs. More telling: it costs less to heat the 40,000-square-foot building than it does to heat a 10,000-square-foot fiberglass shop.

Contact your legislators and urge them to support LD 1094 to reduce energy bills for Mainers.



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