The Honorable Susan Collins 413 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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March 19, 2025

Dear Maine Federal Delegation,

We are writing to express our deep concern about ongoing actions to block, freeze, and reverse critical federal investments and eliminate staff positions that support Maine's people, environment, and economy. These drastic measures are actively harming businesses and communities across the state, undermining progress we have made collectively to protect our natural resources and strengthen our economy, and are inconsistent with our shared values as Mainers.

As organizations advocating on behalf of tens of thousands of residents in all 16 counties, we call on you to defend Maine people from the arbitrary funding freezes, indiscriminate firings, and chaotic decisions that are impacting Maine's programs and services. We urge you to demand answers from the Trump Administration and protect Maine people from further harm. And we insist that you preserve the role of Congress, and the rule of separation of powers, as codified in the U.S. Constitution, by ensuring that proposed changes to government spending receive approval by the U.S. Congress before they can be implemented.

Sincerely,

Acadia Center

Alewife Harvesters of Maine

Alliance of Maine Health Professionals for

Climate Action

Appalachian Mountain Club

Center for an Ecology-Based Economy

Conservation Law Foundation

Cultivating Community Defend Our Health Friends of Acadia Friends of Casco Bay

Friends of the Presumpscot River

GrowSmart Maine Ironworkers Local 7

League of Women Voters of Maine

Luke's Lobster Maine AFL-CIO Maine Audubon

Maine Center for Economic Policy

Maine Conservation Voters Maine Energy Investment Corp Maine Environmental Education Association

Maine Equal Justice Maine Farmland Trust

Maine Labor Climate Council Maine Medical Association Maine People's Alliance

Maine Renewable Energy Association

Maine Rivers

Maine Service Employees Association SEIU

Local 1989

Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy

Network

Maine Youth for Climate Justice

National Parks Conservation Association Natural Resources Council of Maine

Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine

Royal River Alliance The Wilderness Society

Third Act Maine

Union of Concerned Scientists

York County Audubon