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**IN SUPPORT OF LD 633**

“An Act Concerning the Restoration of Electricity During Emergencies for Certain Medically Vulnerable  
Individuals Who Rely on Electronic Medical Apparatuses”

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology  
Hearing: March 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Dear Chair Lawrence, Chair Sachs, and distinguished members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and  
Technology,

On behalf of more than 4,000 registered nurses and health care professionals providing patient care in our  
state, the **Maine State Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee/National Nurses United**  
**urges the Committee to vote to advance LD 633, “An Act Concerning the Restoration of Electricity During**  
**Emergencies for Certain Medically Vulnerable Individuals Who Rely on Electronic Medical Apparatuses.”**

LD 633 requires utilities to include in emergency response plans procedures to identify and reach out to  
customers with a documented need of electricity for essential medical equipment.

Nurses know that electricity outages can be a life and death issue. For example, some Mainers may depend on  
breathing machines or home dialysis. Others, diabetics and others may depend on medications that require  
refrigeration. Finally, others depend on wheelchairs and scooters to get around in their homes. Utilities must  
be responsive to their customers’ need for electricity for essential medical equipment to maintain their lives or  
health. **We strongly urge the Committee to support LD 633.**

Sincerely,

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