



**Date:** April 8, 2025

**To:** Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, State of Maine Legislature

**From:** Tony Woods, Director of Wood Resources, Lignetics Group

**Re:** Public Hearing: Resolve, to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to Support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating.

Lignetics Group operates a wood pellet plant in Strong, ME. Where we have a capacity to produce over 50,000 tons of wood pellets for residential/commercial heating purposes in the Maine. We employ twenty-three full-time people in our plant while supporting dozens of other jobs in the region in wood processing and transportation fields.

In years past, programs in Maine supported the use of wood pellets as an alternate fuels source to heat building versus using fossil fuels. The wood pellet heating systems have continued to improve in efficiency, but the demand for installations in Maine has decreased. Due mainly to a lack of support and promotion from the State of Maine Government.

Lignetics and the wood pellet industry in Maine urge the State of Maine to take steps to promote the use of wood pellet heating systems in the state. Wood Pellets are a renewable heating source that keeps the hard-earned money of Mainers in the State of Maine.

Thank you for allowing me to submit these comments on behalf of Lignetics Group and the entire wood pellet industry of Maine.

Regards,

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Lignetics Group, Strong Maine

