



**Maine Medical
Association**



**TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
AND
THE MAINE OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION**

In Support Of

LD 1730 An Act Regarding the Beneficial Electrification Policy of the State

Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
Room 211, Cross Building, Augusta, Maine
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Good Morning, Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. My name is Anne Sedlack, and I am the Director of Advocacy for the Maine Medical Association. I am submitting this testimony in support of LD 1730, An Act Regarding the Beneficial Electrification Policy of the State, on behalf of the Maine Medical Association and the Maine Osteopathic Association.

The Maine Medical Association (MMA) is a professional organization representing more than 4,300 allopathic and osteopathic physicians, residents, and medical students in Maine. MMA's mission is to support Maine physicians, advance the quality of medicine in Maine, and promote the health of all Maine people. The Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA) is a professional organization representing more than 1,200 osteopathic physicians, residents, and medical students in Maine whose mission is to serve the Osteopathic profession of the State of Maine through a coordinated effort of professional education, advocacy, and member services in order to ensure the availability of quality osteopathic health care to the people of this State. The MMA and MOA's legislative committees have joined to advocate with one voice.

Our members help identify health risks linked to environmental factors, educate communities on these risks, and advocate for policies that support a healthier population, because what affects the environment affects human health. This may be air and water pollution from fossil fuel-burning power plants and vehicle tailpipes, causing lung and heart disease,¹ or increased temperatures causing heat-related illnesses and increased tick- and mosquito-borne illness.² It may manifest as extreme weather events³ or environmental toxins and plastic pollution, causing cancer and endocrine disruption.⁴ We must pay

¹ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC6794003/>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/climate-health/php/effects/vectors.html>

³ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9013542/>

⁴ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9562888modernizingtoensuremodernizing/>

attention to the underlying causes of the illnesses we treat and advocate for policy solutions that address them.

As such, we support LD 1730 because it is an essential step in modernizing our energy infrastructure, which supports our efforts of ensuring that our community is a healthy place for our patients to live. Electrification that reduces fossil fuel combustion tends to reduce particulate pollution, which is closely linked to asthma attacks, COPD exacerbations, and cardiovascular strain.

Thank you, and please reach out with any questions.

Best,

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