

Maine Climate Action **NOW!**

To: Maine Legislature Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology
From: Ezra Sassaman, Advocacy Coordinator, Maine Climate Action Now
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Re: LD 2112, An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology, my name is Ezra Sassaman. I live in Bar Harbor and represent Maine Climate Action Now! (MCAN), a coalition of sixteen nonprofit organizations united by a shared desire for transformative action in response to the climate crisis.

We support LD 2112 because Community Choice Aggregation programs (CCAs) are a powerful tool that allows local governments to combine the buying power of many electric customers.

By making use of larger-scale purchasing power, municipalities can decrease electricity rates for their residents, prioritize clean energy portfolios, and negotiate long-term agreements to protect their communities from short-term price volatility.

As it currently stands, CCAs have been enabled by law across 10 states, including New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Between 30-40 million Americans are served by these programs.¹

The real-world successes of these programs include cost savings compared to utility “standard offer” rates, energy portfolios with higher shares of renewable energy, and stable demand that supports the development of new clean energy projects.

Through enabling CCAs, LD 2112 will increase energy affordability for Maine’s communities while helping further transition our electric grid towards clean, renewable energy.

For the above-stated reasons, we urge you to vote “ought-to-pass” on LD 2112. Thank you for your time.

¹ Lean Energy US. [CCA by State](#). Lean Energy US. 2026. Accessed January 16, 2026.