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**From:** James Chalfant <jimchalfant2323@gmail.com>  
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**To:** EUT  
**Subject:** Gas growth hurts Maine's people and environment: support LD 2077

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

I don't have to look far to see that climate change is hurting Maine, right here and right now. We ended 2023 with a storm that devastated our neighborhoods and rang in the new year with yet another that flooded our streets. These reminders of climate change's worsening impacts are a testament to the fact that we need to move off fossil fuels today.

I have installed solar panels on my home as well as heat pumps. My total energy costs are roughly 20% of what they were before these improvements. It is a "no-brainer" that we are all better off when we can see fossil fuels in the rear view mirror.

LD 2077 can help. I would like the state to recognize the reality of the burdens gas places on our environment, health, and wallet, and figure out a smart way to transition away from fossil fuels. I don't want to pay for the continued expansion of a system that threatens our climate. Maine can't be a climate leader and allow gas utilities unlimited growth at the same time.

If the storms are this bad today, I can't imagine what they will look like tomorrow, in a year, or even 10 years down the line. But I know that I don't want to wait and find out what that looks like. Please support LD 2077 for the sake of all Mainers and our families.

Gratefully,

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