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Subject: Gas growth hurts Maine's people and environment: support LD 2077

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Regulatory Capture. That's what allowing gas companies to build infrastructure and charge it to all customers does. They've taken that rule and build things that Are NOT in our best interest and then charge us for the privilege.

We need the Legislature to set this unnecessary gas gravy train straight.

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. 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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