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To: Maine Legislature Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

From: Amy Eshoo, Maine Climate Action Now

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Re: LD 1634 - An Act To Create the Maine Generation Authority OUGHT TO PASS

Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry, and members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, my name is Amy Eshoo. I am a resident of North Yarmouth and Program Manager for Maine Climate Action Now, a statewide coalition of grassroots organizations who support transformative action in response to the climate and ecological emergency. We hold social, racial, and economic justice as critical to the transition to zero carbon emissions by 2030. Maine Climate Action Now represents five member organizations with memberships throughout the state.

As a coalition, we believe LD 1634 is crucial to the just transition in Maine from fossil fuels to clean renewable energy. The creation of a Maine Generation Authority is paramount to build capacity for non-carbon electrical generation at affordable rates that will benefit Maine's ratepayers and not foreign entities. LD1634 outlines a fiscally conservative pathway to rapidly build out renewable generation and increase energy security for Maine. Green energy generation and storage capacity is the only way we can reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and create the opportunity for Mainers to equitably access affordable renewable energy.

Please vote LD 1634 OUGHT TO PASS for our futures. Thank you.