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Dear Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree and Representative Golden:

We, a group of lawmakers in the 130th Maine Legislature, ask that you support H.R. 806, introduced by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-12), and S.283, introduced by Senator Ed Markey (D-MA).

The Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator is a vehicle for investment to build and improve clean energy infrastructure. Also known as the “green bank” model, these efforts have been proven at the state and local levels. Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut, Colorado and Hawaii have established and seen success with their green bank models.

The proposed measures before Congress will fund the expansion of existing green banks and help form new models at state and local levels. This is timely, as the 130th Maine Legislature will consider a proposal to establish a green bank in the coming weeks. Should both measures pass, Maine would see significant benefits from securing federal dollars.

The Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator would require at least 20 percent of all investments go to frontline, low-income and climate impacted communities. Low-income Mainers spend a larger proportional amount on their energy needs, and too often energy efficient upgrades or new projects are out of reach. The green bank model would be a game changer.

Immediate economic relief is essential in this crisis, but so too is the opportunity to build the infrastructure to generate, store and use clean and efficient energy. This is an investment that will bring good jobs for Maine people, lower energy costs and fewer greenhouse gas emissions.

We look forward to your support, and we stand ready to answer any questions or provide additional information for you.

Thank you for your service to the people of Maine and for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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