



Protect Maine's investment in energy efficiency

Reject LD 1398: Keep RGGI working to lower energy costs for businesses

Energy efficiency is a proven, cost-effective way to lower energy costs in our communities, helping businesses be more competitive, create jobs, and stay in Maine

Combined with energy efficiency, RGGI lowers energy costs and spurs the Maine economy

- The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is extremely effective at reducing climate pollution while lowering energy costs and improving Maine's economy.
- RGGI's success in reducing energy costs in Maine comes from using its funds to support energy efficiency in homes and businesses.
- Since 2008 at least 85% of RGGI funds have been used for energy efficiency and 50% of RGGI funds have been used specifically for business efficiency efforts in the past 3 years.
- For every \$1 of RGGI funds, Efficiency Maine helps businesses save \$6 in energy costs, including large manufacturers like SAPPI, Huhtamaki, and Pratt & Whitney which have made capital investments to lower energy costs that they would not otherwise have been able to make.



LD 1398 would cut energy efficiency funding that Maine businesses use to reduce their energy costs

- LD 1398 would have Maine abandon its successful approach to RGGI and slash funding for fuel-saving energy efficiency programs for businesses by 80%, or \$20 million over the next three years, and resulting in \$120 million higher energy bills for Maine businesses.
- Cutting energy efficiency support for businesses would mean less capital investment in Maine, fewer jobs, and a less competitive economy.

Maine should be doing more, not less, to lower energy costs

- Instead of reducing efficiency funding, the Energy Committee should use LD 1398 to boost support for home heating efficiency that will lower heating oil costs for Maine families.
- The public supports increasing the percentage of RGGI funds used for energy efficiency from 85% to 100%. This idea was blocked by the Governor but LD 1398 offers a new chance to make it happen.
- The Governor maintains that increasing home heating efficiency should be a top priority. Changing the focus of LD 1398 would allow Efficiency Maine to help 5,000 – 7,000 additional homes invest in insulation, heat pumps or other fuel-saving improvements.

Oppose LD 1398: Protect business & community efforts to reduce energy costs

For more information, please contact Dylan Voorhees, (207) 430-0112 or dylan@nrcm.org



Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition

is a partnership of 31 environmental, conservation and public health organizations representing over 100,000 members who want to protect the good health, good jobs and quality of life that our environment provides.

We are counting on Maine policymakers to take the important steps needed to make wise use of Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine communities can thrive

- | | |
|---|---|
| Acadia Center | Maine Lakes Society |
| Appalachian Mountain Club | Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association |
| Atlantic Salmon Federation | Maine People's Alliance |
| Bicycle Coalition of Maine | Maine Rivers |
| Conservation Law Foundation | Maine Wilderness Guides Organization |
| Environmental Health Strategy Center | Natural Resources Council of Maine |
| Environment Maine | Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter |
| Friends of Casco Bay | RESTORE: The North Woods |
| Islesboro Island Trust | Sierra Club, Maine Chapter |
| Maine Association of Conservation Commissions | The Ocean Conservancy |
| Maine Audubon | The Trust for Public Land |
| Maine Center for Economic Policy | The Wilderness Society |
| Maine Conservation Alliance | Toxics Action Center |
| Maine Council of Churches | Upstream |
| Maine Council of Trout Unlimited | 350 Maine |
| Maine Interfaith Power & Light | |