Statement of Support:

A Governor's Agenda for Energy Affordability and Utility Accountability in Maine

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Maine ratepayers are facing some of the steepest electricity price increases in the country. Bills have risen 52% since 2021, and roughly 12 to 14% of every Maine ratepayer's monthly bill now flows directly to utility shareholder profits. This is not sustainable, and it is not inevitable.

The undersigned organizations support the goals of *A Governor's Agenda for Energy Affordability and Utility Accountability in Maine*, a primer released by the American Economic Liberties Project together with Acadia Center, Conservation Law Foundation, the Natural Resources Council of Maine, and Our Power. We share the view that:

- Maine's next Governor and administration should treat utility affordability and accountability as an immediate, Day One priority, not a long-term aspiration.
- Many of the tools needed to address rising utility costs already exist under current law, and the Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate, and the Legislature each have a role to play in using them.
- Additional tools are also needed. All parties mentioned above, and especially the next Governor and Legislature, must act to bring these to bear.
- Ratepayers and the organizations that represent them deserve a fair, transparent process for holding investor-owned utilities accountable for their rates and performance.
- Maine's Commission and Legislature have already shown, through recent decisions, that they are willing and able to use their existing authority on ratepayers' behalf. The next administration should build on that record rather than start from scratch.

By signing this statement, an organization signals its support for these broad goals and principles. It does not constitute an endorsement of every specific policy recommendation or legislative proposal contained in the primer, nor does it obligate a signing organization to take any particular position in a future rulemaking, rate case, or legislative proceeding.

We urge Maine's next Governor and administration to treat utility affordability and accountability as a foundational priority from day one, and we welcome the opportunity to work with the incoming administration, the Legislature, and the Commission toward that goal.

Signed,

A Climate to Thrive

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Union of Concerned Scientists

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Mini-brief available here.

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