

# FUND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WEATHERIZATION PROJECTS

Invest in lower energy costs for Maine's seniors, low-income residents, schools, and towns.

## **We must act now to increase weatherization and energy efficiency investments.**

- Approximately one-third of Maine's carbon pollution comes from heating, cooling, and lighting our buildings.
- In addition to contributing to climate change, Maine's older and energy-inefficient buildings cost families, towns, and schools in higher electricity and heating bills.
- Low-income residents, especially low-income rural residents, often shoulder a higher energy burden and pay a much higher percentage of their incomes to meet home energy needs.
- Energy efficiency and weatherization investments are proven tools to decrease carbon pollution and save homeowners, businesses, and municipalities money on utility bills.
- Maine needs to expand its successful energy efficiency and weatherization programs in a targeted way to address where these services are needed most: Maine's schools, municipalities, and senior and low-income residents.

## **Investing in energy efficiency and weatherization will save Mainers money and make homes and schools safer and more comfortable.**

- It is estimated that this \$20 million weatherization bond will create \$45 million in lifetime energy savings for Maine people.
- The \$10 million in funding for seniors and low-income residents will save the average homeowner approximately \$300 each year. By the end of the program, Efficiency Maine Trust will have weatherized more than 1,500 homes, saving approximately 200,000 gallons of heating fuel a year and reducing approximately 105 million pounds of carbon pollution.
- The \$10 million funding for Maine schools and municipalities will create \$33.5 million in lifetime energy savings, helping to save taxpayers money by easing municipal budgets.
- Together, these bonds will support 186 jobs, weatherize thousands of homes and buildings, and substantially reduce carbon emissions.



## **This bill will:**

- Give voters the opportunity to decide whether to create a \$20 million bond to reduce energy costs for senior citizens, low-income residents, Maine towns and cities, and schools through weatherization and energy efficiency investments.

## **INVEST IN ENERGY SAVINGS AND GREEN JOBS WITH THE WEATHERIZATION BOND.**

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# Environmental Priorities Coalition



Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition is a partnership of 32 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 protect Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine communities can thrive.

