Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

October 5, 2023

The Honorable Michael Regan Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room 3426 WJC North Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Support for Maine Governor's Energy Office Application in Response to *Solar for All* Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R-HQ-SFA-23-01

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write in support of the application submitted by the Maine Governor's Energy Office to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Solar for All* competition. Maine's application proposes to achieve EPA's objectives by enabling deployment of residential solar energy that will benefit approximately 30,000 low-income and disadvantaged households in Maine.

In addition to supporting efforts to combat climate change, the proposed project would contribute to the development of more affordable, reliable, and local energy, while also creating well- paying new jobs in Maine.

The application submitted by the Maine Governor's Energy Office builds on the state's strong track record of clean energy deployment by ensuring the benefits of solar and energy storage are accessible to those who stand to benefit the most – low-income and disadvantaged homeowners and renters who often face the highest energy burden. The new financing and program delivery models proposed in Maine's application will remove barriers to clean energy technologies while delivering cost savings on monthly electric bills.

Thank you for your consideration of Maine's application, consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please notify Adam Lachman (King) at (202) 224-5344 and Corinne Latti (Pingree) at (207) 774-5019 when a decision has been made.

Sincerely,

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