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Dear Chair Bartlett:

I am writing to express my support for the Longroad Energy King Pine Wind generation project and the LS Power transmission project, which collectively will bring significant benefits to our state and region. These projects are the result of the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program, established through bipartisan legislation signed by Governor Mills.

As you know, the Maine Legislature established the program to develop substantial renewable energy resources in northern Maine, which is key to advancing the state's renewable energy and climate policies and goals. Northern Maine possesses some of the highest quality renewable energy potential in the region, but for too long has been prevented from unlocking that potential and the significant economic and community benefits that accompany it. These projects are poised to address these longstanding challenges and bring jobs, tax revenue, and economic opportunities to northern Maine.

In addition, the projects represent a key step toward achievement of our state's emissions reduction and renewable energy requirements. Maine households and businesses are confronting volatile energy costs resulting from New England's longstanding overreliance on expensive, imported fossil fuels to heat our homes and businesses and generate our electricity. By bringing substantial new clean energy resources to Maine and our neighbors, these projects will not only help reduce energy costs, but will help confront challenges from climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Throughout the legislative and procurement process, our office has worked to support regional coordination, which is paramount to the success of these efforts. I commend the Commission in its work to coordinate with our neighbors in Massachusetts to advance this project and provide substantial regional benefits across the New England electricity grid.

With innovative and bold initiatives like this, Maine can continue to demonstrate our leadership and commitment to a clean, affordable, reliable energy future. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DL Burgess'.

Dan Burgess
Director, Governor's Energy Office