July 10, 2020

Dear Maine Voters,

We urge you to **Vote Yes on Question 1 on July 14th** in support of the $15 million bond question. Question 1 gives voters a chance to **take action NOW** to strengthen the economy, create jobs and build access to high speed internet, particularly in rural Maine.

- The $15 million bond will be matched by $30 million in private, federal and local support – tripling the impact of this smart investment.
- The bond question will appear on the **July 14 statewide ballot**.
- The question, as it will appear on the ballot, is: “**Do you favor a $15,000,000 bond issue to invest in high-speed internet infrastructure for unserved and underserved areas, to be used to match up to $30,000,000 in federal, private, local or other funds?**”

Access to high speed internet is extremely important to daily life, especially now amidst the COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

Small businesses depend on high speed internet to stay open and create jobs. High speed internet can help ensure students can access education from home as well enable health care providers and patients to connect remotely. The broadband plan focuses on rural Maine and helps close the gap with other parts of the state.

This is a smart investment that will help businesses to grow and strengthen the economy.

We urge Maine voters to Vote Yes on 1.

Signed,

Maine Broadband Coalition
Greater Portland Council of Governments
Axiom
Educate Maine
GrowSmart Maine
Maine Farmland Trust
Tilson Technologies

The Island Institute
AARP Maine
Coastal Enterprises Inc
GWI
Maine Community Foundation
Maine West
Acadia Civil Works
American Council of Engineering Companies, Maine Chapter (ACEC Maine)
Apple Creek Farm
Arrowsic Broadband Task Force
Board of Selectmen, Somerville, Maine
Braithos, LLC
Broadband Caucus, Maine Legislature
Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition
Casco Bay Advisors, LLC
Celebration Tree Farm & Wellness Center
Chewonki
Community Concepts Finance Corporation
Community Shellfish LLC
Cooperative Development Institute
Downeast Broadband Utility
Due North, LLC
E2Tech
F/V Hello Darlings II
Farrin Properties
Focus Maine
Fryeburg Age Friendly Community Taskforce
Geekies Consulting
Grahamtastic Connection
Grapevine Local Food Marketing
Greater Franklin Development Council
Gulf of Maine Research Institute
Healthy Peninsula
Heart At Work Associates
Honey Badger Analytics
HospitalityMaine
Katahdin Region Broadband Utility
Kennebec River Biosciences
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments
Land For Good
Lee Auto Malls
Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission
Litchfield Broadband Committee
Live + Work in Maine
Machias Savings Bank
Maine Association of REALTORS
Maine Beer Company
Maine Center for Entrepreneurs
Maine Community College System
Maine Conservation Voters
Maine Discovery Museum
Maine Family Planning
Maine Library Association
Maine Lobster Dealers' Association
Maine Lobstermen's Association
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
Maine Psychological Association
Maine Science Festival
Maine Seacoast Mission
MaineHealth
Mayors' Coalition
Meadow Brook Consulting
Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce
Mook Sea Farms
Moose Hill Farm
Mt Vernon Broadband Committee
National Digital Equity Center
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Northern Forest Center
Northern Light Health
Northern Maine Development Commission
Porch + Pebble Vacation Rental Management
Portland Buy Local
Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce
R J P Labor Consultants, LLC
Readfield Select Board
Resilience Works, LLC
Rural Aspirations Project
Sierra Club Maine
Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce
Skowhegan Savings Bank
Startup Maine
Steep Hill Farm
Swan's Island Broadband
The First Coast
The Opportunity Center of Northern Franklin County
The Szanton Company
Town of Bucksport
Town of Gray
Town of Jackman Community Health Advisory Team
University of Maine System
VETRO FiberMap
Vienna Broadband
Vinalhaven Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Adult Education
Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine
Wood Prairie Family Farm