Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator King:

Thank you for your February 11, 2015, letter to Assistant Secretary David Danielson regarding your request that the Department of Energy (DOE) administrators consider streamlining the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) framework to include a standardized approach to fuel switching to allow more families to benefit from this cost-saving measure. We are happy to share with you some recent policy changes, based on your and other input received on this issue.

DOE will soon allow WAP Grantees to either administer the fuel switching policy for their individual clients, or continue to use the Federal resources available to assist in this task. Grantees that choose to administer the fuel switching policy would be responsible for undertaking the analysis previously done by DOE and would no longer be required to submit their clients to DOE for approval. DOE will issue a policy describing this change in early May 2015, and will monitor its implementation to ensure that all program rules and guidance are being met when fuel switching activities are undertaken.

DOE appreciates your contribution to the ongoing process of developing policies that protect the best interests of both WAP Grantees and individual clients. Your assistance in understanding the experiences of Grantees, like the State of Maine, is crucial in improving policies that work for the entire WAP network.

Your continued support of WAP makes it possible for the network to provide vital assistance to low-income residents. If you need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Martha Oliver, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

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