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### **SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES ANGUS KING FOR U.S. SENATE**

PORTLAND—Today, Sierra Club endorsed independent Angus King in the race to replace Senator Olympia Snowe in the United States Senate, saying that he will be a leader in promoting clean energy investments and environmental protection.

"Angus King will be a champion for the values and policies that the Sierra Club works for every day," said Becky Bartovics, Sierra Club Maine's Executive Committee Chair. "He knows that investing in a clean-energy future will create new jobs in Maine and across the U.S., and protect our planet for generations to come."

"I appreciate the endorsement of the Sierra Club and share their commitment to a "Made-in-America" policy which will keep our energy dollars from going to places like the Middle East," said Angus King.

"Conservation and renewables are a big part of this country's future if we want to wean ourselves from foreign oil, and I believe that conservation and renewable energy technologies can not only take us to a cleaner energy future, but can create good jobs at home as well."

In their endorsement, the Sierra Club cited his support for advancing clean energy polices and investments to transition our nation from an overreliance on fossil fuels to a cleaner energy economy.

Angus King supports federal efforts to limit global warming pollution from power plants; the nation's landmark laws such as Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act; public investments in renewable power technologies such as wind and solar; automobile fuel economy and other energy efficiency standards; policies to promote electric vehicles and public transportation; phasing out subsidies to oil companies and other fossil fuel industries; environmental and labor protection standards in international trade agreements, women's reproductive health rights; and he opposes drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Under his leadership as Maine's Governor, King enacted the Land for Maine's Future program, and protected over 1.6 million acres from development and ensuring public access. He also supported clean water protections to eliminate dioxin discharges into Maine rivers, and helped to bring Amtrak passenger rail service back to Maine.

The Sierra Club, founded in 1892, is the nation's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. In 2013, the Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club will be celebrating their 20th anniversary. For more information about Sierra Club Maine, see [maine.sierraclub.org](http://maine.sierraclub.org); email [maine.chapter@sierraclub.org](mailto:maine.chapter@sierraclub.org); or call [207-761-5616](tel:207-761-5616).

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