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SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES Rep. Chellie Pingree **Nation's Largest Grassroots Environmental Group Praises Work to Protect Maine's Environment**

Portland: The Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club today announced its endorsement of Rep. Chellie Pingree (US District 1) in the 2020 election.

"We are gratified to announce today that the Sierra Club officially endorses Rep. Pingree for reelection," said Claudia King, Political Team Chair. "We are confident that Chellie will continue work to protect Mainers' families' health, air and water, and build a clean energy economy that works for Mainers."

Given the current administration's continued threats to our clean air and water and public lands, electing environmental champions like Chellie Pingree is vital. In the 116th Congress, Pingree introduced HR 1716, the Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2019 and HR 3596, Keep America's Waterfronts Working, to assess dangers posed to communities by ocean acidification and sea level rise. She has co-sponsored numerous climate change-related bills including bills prohibiting coastal drilling for fossil fuels, advocating for a 100% net-zero greenhouse gas emitting economy by 2050, and supporting sustainable, local foods. Through legislative means and the media, Rep. Pingree has repeatedly called out the Trump administration for its irresponsible assault on our air, water, and public lands.

"We are deeply grateful to Rep. Pingree for her work to bolster our local farmers' efforts," said constituent Becky Bartovics. "She is a true environmental champion who fights to protect Maine's farms and all our natural resources."

Along with the endorsement, the Sierra Club will lend its volunteer strength to Pingree's campaign. "Sierra Club volunteers will contact voters on her behalf and we will speak to the public as often as possible about her exemplary environmental record," said King. "We look forward to a victory for Rep. Pingree on election night and to her continued fight for the environment in the US House."

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About the Sierra Club:

The Sierra Club is America's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with more than 3 million members and supporters. In addition to helping people from all backgrounds explore nature and our outdoor heritage, the Sierra Club works to promote clean energy, safeguard the health of our communities, protect wildlife, and preserve our remaining wild places through grassroots activism, public education, lobbying, and legal action. For more information, visit www.sierraclub.org.