2026 Candidate Survey

Manufacturing and Maine’s Business Climate

Results and candidate scorecards

Prepared for MAME members | September 2026

87 unique candidates responded

262 candidates are listed as Did Not Respond

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About MAME and this survey

The Manufacturers Association of Maine has served Maine manufacturers for 62 years. MAME represents nearly 300 members statewide and works to strengthen manufacturing through advocacy, workforce development, education, networking and direct engagement with public officials.

Manufacturing contributes approximately $6.3 billion to Maine's economy and supports more than 52,000 jobs. Decisions involving energy, workforce, taxes, regulation, infrastructure and employer costs directly affect whether manufacturers and other small businesses can invest, grow and create jobs in Maine.

MAME invited active 2026 candidates for the Maine House of Representatives and Maine Senate to complete a brief survey. This report shares the responses with MAME members to help them understand candidates' stated positions on issues affecting manufacturing and the broader business climate.

How to read the results

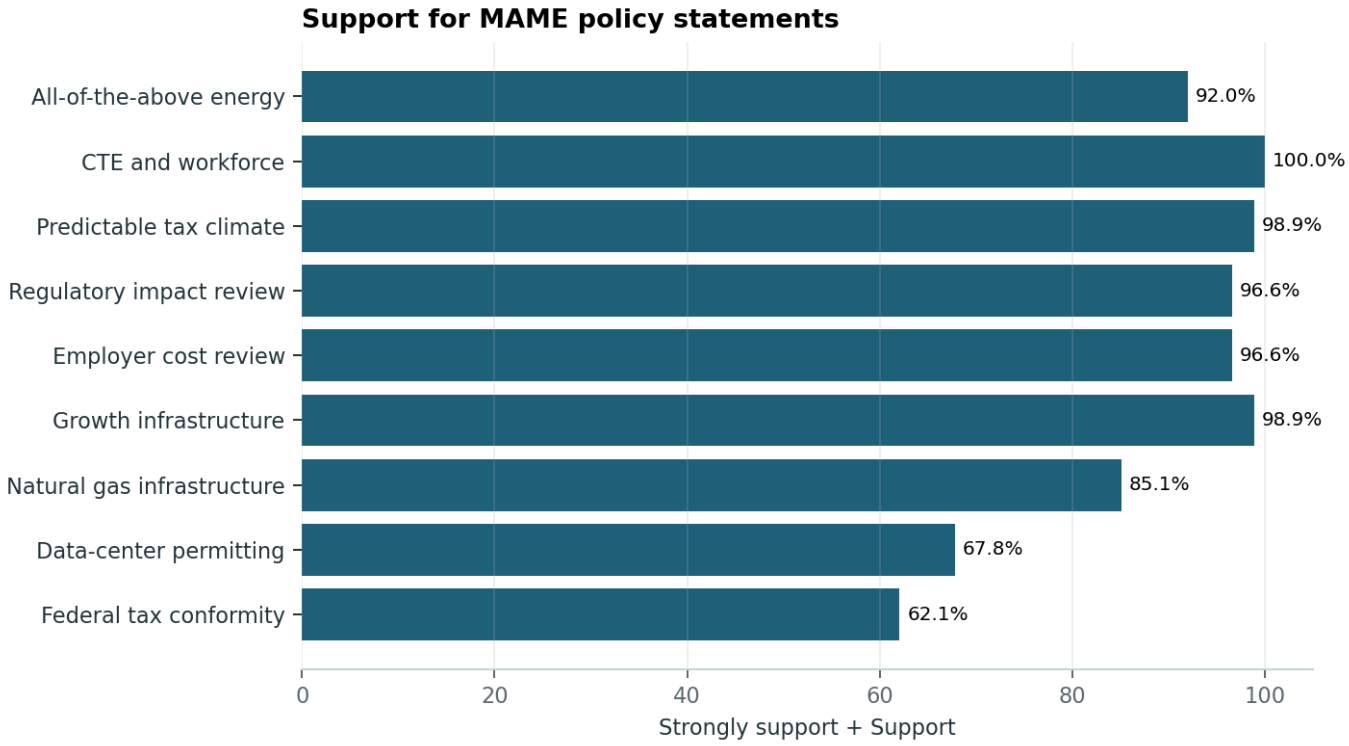
The MAME alignment score measures agreement with policy statements selected by MAME. It is not an endorsement, a prediction of future votes or a representative poll of all candidates. Candidates chose whether to respond, so comparisons among offices and parties are descriptive only.

Candidate-written responses appear as submitted, including spelling and punctuation. Office, district and party labels are taken from MAME's outreach roster for consistency.

Participation

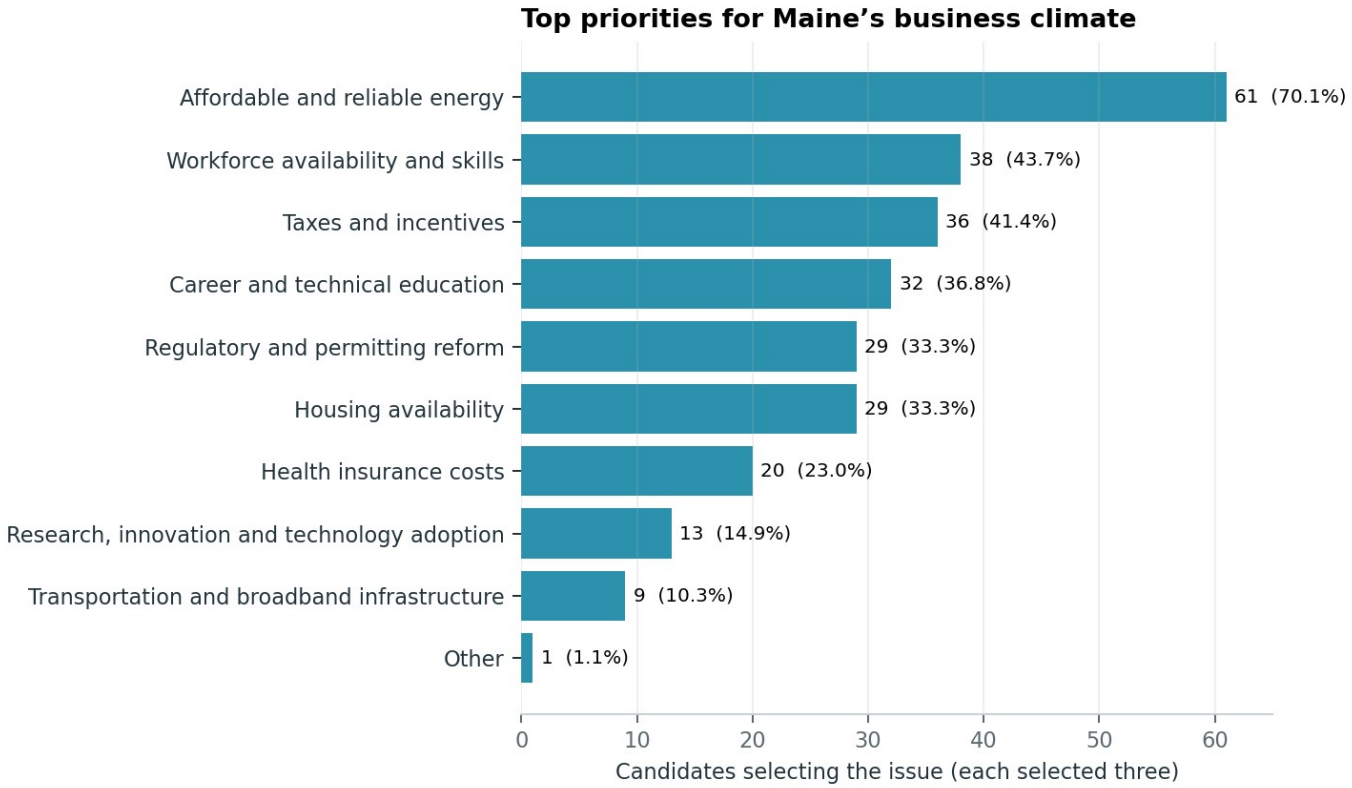
Candidates contacted	Submissions	Unique respondents	Did Not Respond
349	88	87	262

Statewide findings



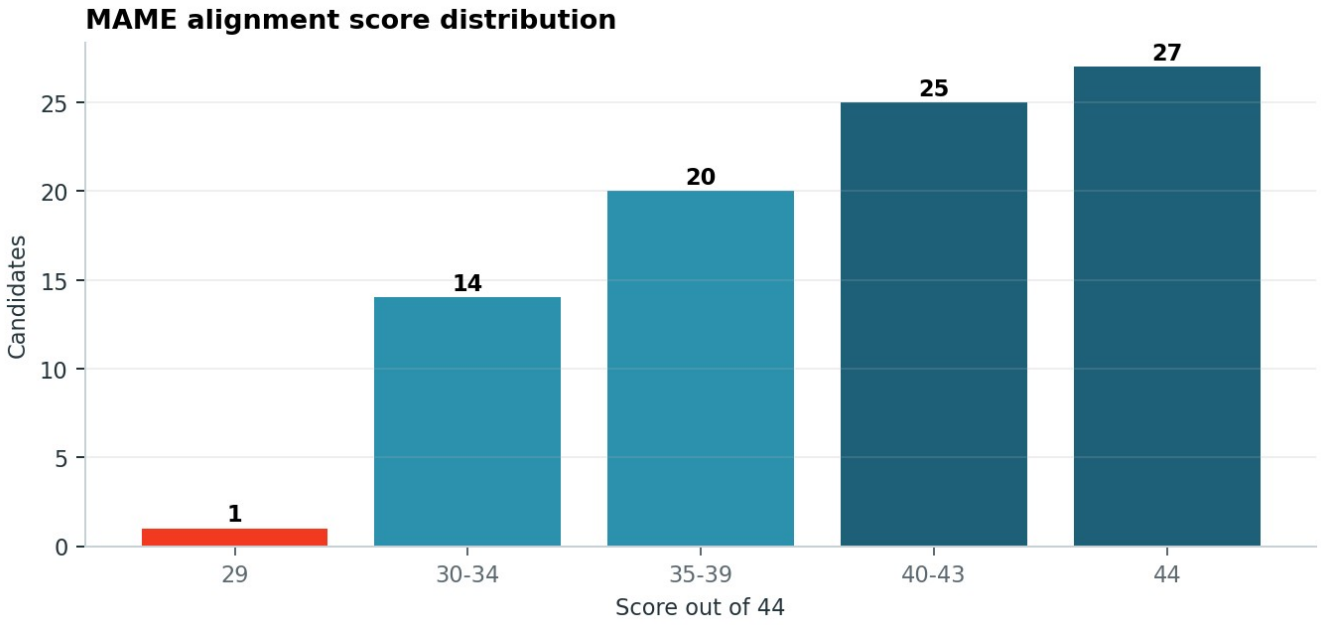
Eight of the nine policy statements received support from at least 85% of respondents. The data-center permitting statement received 67.8% support, and the federal tax-conformity statement received 62.1% support.

Candidate priorities



Affordable and reliable energy was the most frequently selected priority, named by 61 candidates. Workforce availability and skills ranked second, followed by taxes and incentives.

Alignment score overview



The average MAME alignment score was 39.86 out of 44, or 90.6%. The median score was 41. Because the survey statements were framed around MAME priorities and participation was voluntary, high scores should not be interpreted as representative of all candidates.

Other notable findings

- All 87 unique respondents said they would meet with Maine manufacturers and visit manufacturing facilities.
- 73 candidates said they would support requiring cumulative-cost and small-business impact reviews; 13 were unsure and one said no.
- 57 candidates selected a balanced, all-of-the-above energy portfolio as their closest approach.
- 38 candidates favored considering data-center projects individually; 22 favored active recruitment, 17 favored a pause pending standards and five favored a moratorium. Five submitted another response.

Candidate scorecards

Scorecards are organized by office and district. Each policy statement is scored from 0 to 4. The two yes/unsure/no questions are also scored, producing a maximum of 44 points.

Strongly support	Support	Neutral or unsure	Oppose	Strongly oppose
4	3	2	1	0

Additional questions: Yes = 4, Unsure = 2, No = 0. Candidate comments are reproduced verbatim.

Important: Scores measure alignment with MAME policy priorities. They are not endorsements or predictions of future votes.

State Senate

Candidate scorecards arranged by district

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Ester Franklin

State Senate | District 3 | Democratic

Communities served: Stetson, Dixmont, Etna, Newport, Plymouth, Unity Township, Benton, Clinton, Pittsfield, Canaan, Detroit, Palmyra, Skowhegan, Madison, Norridgewock

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
35 / 44	79.5%	2026-09-03

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Generally support if there is meaningful benefit
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

The next Legislature should lower the everyday costs that make it hard for Maine businesses to grow: health insurance, housing, and energy. We need affordable, reliable power; practical health-care options for small employers and self-employed workers; and more safe, attainable housing so businesses can recruit and keep employees. State incentives and regulations should be simple, transparent, and tied to real results—Maine jobs, investment, and stronger local communities.

Joel R Stetkis

State Senate | District 3 | Republican

Communities served: Stetson, Dixmont, Etna, Newport, Plymouth, Unity Township, Benton, Clinton, Pittsfield, Canaan, Detroit, Palmyra, Skowhegan, Madison, Norridgewock

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-02

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Tax and regulatory reform that includes massive energy reforms. Maines out of touch mandates and regulations while in place will not allow for Maines economy and Business climate to improve.

Lisa Kalp

State Senate | District 4 | Democratic

Communities served: Bradford, Corinth, Hudson, Abbot, Beaver Cove, Blanchard, Bowerbank, Greenville, Guilford, Kingsbury, Monson, Northeast Piscataquis, Northwest Piscataquis, Parkman, Sangerville, Sebec, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic, Atkinson, Brownville (part), Dover-Foxcroft, Lake View, Medford, Milo, Orneville Township, Southeast Piscataquis, Charleston, Dexter, Exeter, Garland, Corinna, Glenburn, Kenduskeag, Levant

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
41 / 44	93.2%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Housing availability, Transportation and broadband infrastructure
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Energy costs have to come down. Legislation needs to be passed to do that.

Robert Finch Sullebarger

State Senate | District 5 | Democratic

Communities served: Brighton, Cambridge, New Sharon, Rome, Vienna, Mercer, Smithfield, Starks, Hartland, St. Albans, Cornville, Anson, Athens, Bingham, Caratunk, Central Somerset, Concord Township, Embden, Harmony, Lexington Township, Moscow (part), Moxie Gore Township, Northeast Somerset, Pleasant Ridge, Ripley, Rockwood Strip T1, Seboomook Lake, Solon, Attean Township, Bowtown Township, Carrabassett Valley, Carrying Place Township, Dennistown, East Central Franklin, Freeman Township, Highland, Jackman, Kingfield, Madrid Township, Moose River, Northwest Somerset, Salem Township, The Forks, West Forks, Wyman Township, Industry, New Portland, New Vineyard, Strong, Wilton, Chesterville, Farmington

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
38 / 44	86.4%	2026-09-16

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Health insurance costs
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	I have 14 years of AI experience, so I have direct background here. Its a great concern to me that government simply can't work at the pace required to get protections in place, compared to how fast AI is advancing. CEO's of the major AI providers are all now calling for a pause and for clear and serious regulation. From leading AI reseachers, we now understand that AI presents an existential risk to humanity, so this challenge needs government's urgent attention.

Candidate response

Right now the cost of upgrading the grid gets spread out mostly through commercial and industrial rates. A machine shop or a sawmill here is paying into that the same way a big out-of-state company would, but without the scale to absorb it. I'd push to change how those transmission and grid-modernization costs get allocated so small business owners aren't subsidizing infrastructure built mainly for residential growth and EV charging elsewhere in the state.

Aaron Dana

State Senate | District 6 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Brookton Township, Codyville Township, Danforth, North Washington, Talmadge, Topsfield, Vanceboro, Waite, Baileyville, Baring, Calais, Eastport, Grand Lake Stream, Meddybemps, Passamaquoddy Indian Township, Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point, Perry, Robbinston, Alexander, Cathance Township, Charlotte, Cooper, Crawford, Cutler, Dennysville, East Central Washington, East Machias, Edmunds Township, Greenlaw Chopping Township, Lubec, Machiasport, Marshfield, Northfield, Pembroke, Princeton, Wesley, Whiting, Addison, Beals, Centerville Township, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Milbridge, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Winter Harbor, Central Hancock, Fletchers Landing Township, Waltham, Amherst, Aurora, Beddington, Cherryfield, Day Block Township, Deblois, East Hancock, Eastbrook, Great Pond, Mariaville, Northwest Hancock, Osborn, Sakon Township

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
35 / 44	79.5%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

Maine should make it easier for locally owned small businesses to succeed, grow, and create good-paying jobs. I support tax breaks and incentives for Maine-based small businesses and mom and pop shops that are the backbone of our communities. At the same time, large out of state corporations doing business in Maine should pay their fair share. We need a tax system that supports working families, protects small businesses, and keeps more money circulating in Maine communities.

Billy Bob Faulkingham

State Senate | District 6 | Republican

Communities served: Brookton Township, Codyville Township, Danforth, North Washington, Talmadge, Topsfield, Vanceboro, Waite, Baileyville, Baring, Calais, Eastport, Grand Lake Stream, Meddybemps, Passamaquoddy Indian Township, Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point, Perry, Robbinston, Alexander, Cathance Township, Charlotte, Cooper, Crawford, Cutler, Dennysville, East Central Washington, East Machias, Edmunds Township, Greenlaw Chopping Township, Lubec, Machiasport, Marshfield, Northfield, Pembroke, Princeton, Wesley, Whiting, Addison, Beals, Centerville Township, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Milbridge, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Winter Harbor, Central Hancock, Fletchers Landing Township, Waltham, Amherst, Aurora, Beddington, Cherryfield, Day Block Township, Deblois, East Hancock, Eastbrook, Great Pond, Mariaville, Northwest Hancock, Osborn, Sakon Township

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-18

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

We need to lower energy costs and taxes and reduce regulations. It’s that simple. It’s not rocket science.

Leo Christopher Kenney

State Senate | District 8 | Republican

Communities served: Carroll, Lakeville, Lee, Prentiss Township, Springfield, Twombly Ridge Township, Webster, Whitney (Pukakon) Township, Burlington, East Central Penobscot, Greenbush, Greenfield Township, Lowell, Passadumkeag, Summit Townships, Orono, Veazie, Old Town, Penobscot Indian Island, Penobscot Nation Voting District, Alton, Argyle Township, Milford, Edinburg, Enfield, Howland, Lagrange, Lincoln, Winn

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Energy is the life blood of our society. The pursuit of the current Governors "Maine Won't Wait" initiative has imposed costs on our energy / electricity in Maine that has, and will continue to chase all investment out of Maine. Without that investment we will continue to be a 0 Growth or worse, a negative growth state. And Economic Development is what we desperately need. We need to revisit and likely reverse the policies that have been implemented in support of "Maine Won't Wait".

Edwin M. Mitchell

State Senate | District 13 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Bremen, Louds Island Township, Waldoboro, Washington, Bristol, Damariscotta, Monhegan, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Alna, Jefferson, Whitefield, Wiscasset, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, South Bristol, Southport, Westport Island, Hibberts Gore Township, Somerville, Windsor

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-15

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Maine must get its government spending under control and reduce the tax/fee burdens. Maine must set the stage to reduce dependence on welfare, get people inspired to get to work, and allow them to keep more of their earnings. We must make Maine an attractive State for a business/employer to come set up shop. Right now we are driving them away.

Craig Hickman

State Senate | District 14 | Democratic

Communities served: Chelsea, Pittston, Randolph, Farmingdale, Gardiner, Hallowell, Manchester, West Gardiner, Monmouth, Readfield, Winthrop, Wayne

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
34 / 44	77.3%	2026-09-13

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Housing availability, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Prohibit or place a statewide moratorium on large-scale data centers

Candidate response

Continue to reduce red tape.

Amanda Heath

State Senate | District 15 | Democratic

Communities served: Belgrade, Mount Vernon, Augusta, Sidney, Vassalboro, China

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
37 / 44	84.1%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Neutral or unsure**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Housing availability, Transportation and broadband infrastructure
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

The biggest issue I see with small business owners is the availability for their workers to find housing within a reasonable distance from their facilities. Maine needs to support more housing for our workforce.
The next issue I see, particularly, for manufacturers, is how incredibly expensive it is for them to ship their finished product to the rest of the country. I believe strengthening our rail infrastructure is the number one way to decrease costs and encourage other manufacturing businesses to set up shop in the state of Maine. This would also have the added benefit of being able to run passenger rail service to allow workers to move from smaller towns to larger towns where their work is

Kati L. McCormick

State Senate | District 15 | Republican

Communities served: Belgrade, Mount Vernon, Augusta, Sidney, Vassalboro, China

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
39 / 44	88.6%	2026-09-09

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Health insurance costs, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

reduce regulatory uncertainty and costs and streamline permitting processes—reducing redundancies so manufacturers and small businesses can more readily invest, expand facilities, and hire.

Jo-Jean Keller

State Senate | District 17 | Democratic

Communities served: Litchfield, Wales, Fayette, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Leeds, Turner, Greene, Sabattus, Lisbon

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
39 / 44	88.6%	2026-09-11

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

I believe consistently evaluating and communicating the costs and impacts of proposed laws and legislation is the most critical action to take on behalf of small businesses. As part of the process, legislators become well acquainted with different types of small businesses and their challenges.

Peter J. Southam

State Senate | District 19 | Democratic

Communities served: Andover, Coplin, Dallas, Eustis, Gilead, Lincoln Plantation, Magalloway Township, Newry, North Franklin, North Oxford, Phillips, Rangeley, Sandy River, Upton, West Central Franklin, Avon, Carthage, South Franklin, Temple, Weld, Jay, Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Mexico, Peru, Bethel, Byron, Hanover, Milton Township, Roxbury, Rumford, Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock, Buckfield, Albany Township, Greenwood, Locke Mills, Mason Township, South Oxford, Stoneham, Stow, Lovell

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
30 / 44	68.2%	2026-09-04

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Oppose**
CTE and workforce	**Support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly oppose**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Housing availability, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Renewables primary; conventional resources used temporarily for reliability
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

We need to pass legislation that will attract and retain well educated young people and families to live and work permanently in Maine.

Bruce Bickford

State Senate | District 20 | Republican

Communities served: Poland, Auburn, Durham, New Gloucester

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-11

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

A $100,000 homestead exemption paid for by the state by cutting new programs brought on during the epidemic. Stop the outrageous solar subsidies. I helped spearhead the large tax cuts of 2011 and 2025 as a member of the taxation committee. We need to lower housing cost by reducing all the barriers that increase housing costs. This will bring more employment.

Nathan Burnett

State Senate | District 22 | Democratic

Communities served: Hiram, Porter, Baldwin, Naples, Sebago, Standish, Cornish, Limington, Limerick, Parsonsfield, Newfield, Shapleigh, Acton

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
33 / 44	75.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Neutral or unsure**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Generally support if there is meaningful benefit
Energy approach	Transition to renewables as quickly as possible despite near-term costs
Data-center approach	Ensuring the externalities of both sound emitted, heat to be dissipated, and the fact that when it comes to this sort of GPU technology, whatever is built today will be no longer be "state of the art" tomorrow, let alone in 5 years, and will be obsolete in 10 years, the "medium" term use for whatever is built must also be considered. When a Walmart is to be upgraded, they don't expand the Walmart, the build a brand new one down the road and sell the old one to Tractor Supply, and that is on a much longer term basis than these data centers. What is the next-use for obsolete data centers?

Candidate response

We are the oldest state in the nation, and we're only getting older as young people move out of state. We need to make Maine attractive so we can benefit from the educational investments we've already made in our young adults throughout their PreK-12+ from our local communities and have them benefit our state as a whole.

Kenneth Cianchette

State Senate | District 26 | Republican

Communities served: Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, Windham, Westbrook (part)

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-19

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Create conditions on the ground to encourage health economic growth such as lowering costs of business (taxes, energy, licensing/permitting) and to create opportunities for young people to build lives in Maine by tax incentives such as homestead exemption and reducing income taxes, along with cutting energy costs.

Vincent Maietta

State Senate | District 29 | Republican

Communities served: South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough (part)

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
38 / 44	86.4%	2026-09-13

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Reduce regulations, and energy costs

Jason G Litalien

State Senate | District 32 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Biddeford, Lyman, Hollis, Arundel, Dayton

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

The next Legislature should cut energy costs and property taxes while slashing red tape. Maine manufacturers and small businesses cannot invest, expand, or hire when electricity ranks among the nation’s highest and Augusta keeps adding costs. Let owners keep more of what they earn so they can buy equipment, train workers, and create jobs in Biddeford, Dayton, Hollis, Lyman, Arundel, and across rural Maine. Common-sense tax and energy policy—not more programs—will grow the private payrolls that support families and towns.

Matthew A. Harrington

State Senate | District 33 | Republican

Communities served: Alfred, Waterboro, Sanford, Springvale, Lebanon

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-03

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

I've served the last four years on the energy committee, so maybe I'm bias. I think driving down the cost of energy in Maine is the most important thing we can do. Energy costs affects all aspects of business operations and growth.

Daniel Sayre

State Senate | District 34 | Democratic

Communities served: Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells, Berwick, North Berwick

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
29 / 44	65.9%	2026-09-13

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Neutral or unsure**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Neutral or unsure**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Maine needs to continue to pursue emissions reductions and the development of renewable generation in a manner that constrains short-term price impacts, builds toward longer-term price reductions, and maintains reliability and access.
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

Under the rubric of the existing Growth and Innovation Caucus (which I co-chair), convene a series of legislative workshops on the business environment for manufacturers and other small businesses in Maine to build bipartisan support for policy priorities that can improve the conditions for sustained, equitable growth. I invite a conversation to set this in motion.

Jonathan Reed Fallon

State Senate | District 34 | Republican

Communities served: Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells, Berwick, North Berwick

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
41 / 44	93.2%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Neutral or unsure**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform, Transportation and broadband infrastructure
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

The next Legislature should prioritize predictable, competitive tax and regulatory policy, starting with reforming Maine's business equipment tax and streamlining permitting timelines. Manufacturers need certainty to plan multi-year capital investment, and small businesses need relief from compounding local, state, and paperwork burdens that don't exist in neighboring states. Pairing this with targeted workforce investment, especially trades and technical training, addresses the labor shortage holding back expansion. This isn't about picking winners; it's about removing self-inflicted barriers so Maine employers can compete regionally and reinvest in their own communities and workers.

Julie Nicole Rakic

State Senate | District 35 | Republican

Communities served: Ogunquit, York, South Berwick, Eliot, Kittery

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-13

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

We need to phase out the income tax, lower/remove many taxes/fees is in general. Reduce regulation, spend considerable time researching before introducing new regulation and legislation, reduce cost & time for permitting. Reduce energy costs and access to more energy sources. Improve our infrastructure and increase affordable housing. Encourage and build more trade school/apprenticeship programs and intern residency programs with our colleges. support the tariffs. Create incentives to keep the graduates & workforce in Maine. Improve our public schools to encourage families to stay here.

State Representative

Candidate scorecards arranged by district

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Roger Albert

State Representative | District 2 | Republican

Communities served: Cross Lake Township, Frenchville, Grand Isle, Madawaska, Madawaska Lake Township, Perham, Square Lake, St. Agatha, T15 R6 WELS Township, Van Buren

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-15

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Taxes and incentives, Availability of industrial space
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

I would support any business that would like to establish itself in the State of Maine as long as it follows State regulations and if there is a conflict, it can always be resolved. Maine has not be the beneficiary of any financial or manufacturing operational business moving into the State in a long time.

Genevieve Lemire

State Representative | District 10 | Democratic

Communities served: Alexander, Cathance Township, Charlotte, Cooper, Crawford, Cutler, Dennysville, East Central Washington, East Machias, Edmunds Township, Greenlaw Chopping Township, Lubec, Machiasport, Marshfield, North Washington Part, Northfield, Pembroke, Princeton, Wesley, Whiting

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
39 / 44	88.6%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Career and technical education, Health insurance costs, Transportation and broadband infrastructure
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

To keep and bring a dependable workforce to the communities we need to make healthcare available and affordable, provide the training necessary to fill the positions, and make the housing and energy costs affordable to entice working people and families to come and live in the area. I worked for over 40 years in an aerospace manufacturing plant and understand the need for training and affordability for both the employee and the employer to help the community and businesses thrive.

Keith Newman

State Representative | District 11 | Democratic

Communities served: Addison, Beals, Centerville Township, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Milbridge, North Washington Part, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
34 / 44	77.3%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Transportation and broadband infrastructure
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	If a town decides they want a Data Center that's their choice. However water and electricity constraints make Data Centers a costly investment with low rewards compared to the number of permanent new jobs they would provide. Many Data Centers now use Hydrogen powered by natural gas for back up energy. That may be about to change. Green Renewable hydrogen can also power data centers. The byproduct of this energy creation is drinkable water. We are at a technology inflection point. Great changes are about to occur in how Data Centers obtain their energy and water. If we give Data Centers a blank check to set up operations now, they will not invest in power and water that can sustain them without harming the community they are located in. Every Data Center has to be evaluated individually, but we must ensure their water and electricity requirements do not harm their community. I am optimistic Data Centers can be built in the near future that will benefit their community.

Candidate response

The number one factor preventing jobs from coming to Maine are our high energy and transportation costs. We have the resources to solve these problems. I would like an opportunity to discuss this further. I was born in a garment factory. Owned one for ten years, employed nearly 100 people. I was put out of business by government action. (1982 GATT). I will not let that happen to any manufacturer.

Roy D Gott

State Representative | District 12 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Winter Harbor

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
34 / 44	77.3%	2026-09-14

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Neutral or unsure**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Renewable energy should remain a high priority to transition away from fossil fuels. I am also very interested in seeing nuclear energy generation reintroduced in responsible ways.
Data-center approach	I believe the "pause" approach is close. I also want communities to have sufficient time to update local ordinances to address datacenter development. I support placing the burden of proof re: local impacts on electricity, water, etc. on the developer/operator of the proposed datacenter.

Candidate response

I think housing availability/stability is the underpinning requirement for people to be able to live, work, and be productive. We need to work toward increasing/refreshing statewide housing stock.

Russell P. White

State Representative | District 13 | Republican

Communities served: Central Hancock, Ellsworth, Fletchers Landing Township, Waltham

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Bottom line, is we need to make Maine more affordable. We need to lower utility costs, enabling businesses to come to this state and thrive. We need to prioritize housing as well.
We cannot expect businesses to come here, if there are not affordable options for their employers to live.

Clifford Noyes

State Representative | District 15 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Brooklin, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, Marshall Island, Southwest Habor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Vinalhaven

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
34 / 44	77.3%	2026-09-18

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Taxes and incentives, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Well, to put it simply let Maine people work without so much government interference.small businesses in Maine seem like a cash cow for Augusta. It’s backwards. Businesses give a lot by having a lot of employees in the community.so many taxes and regulations can do more harm than good and create more red tape to try to justify it all. I hope with the recent presidential order?, was it, out of the White House President Trump‘s right for small slaughter houses to process their own product. Hopefully that can help small businesses here in Maine. I would certainly buy it local. there’s no question Augusta needs changes in personnel.

Steven Matthew Bishop

State Representative | District 17 | Republican

Communities served: Bucksport, Orland, Penobscot, Verona Island

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
40 / 44	90.9%	2026-09-20

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Everything is on the table. We need to asses what it will take for employers to stay in Maine. too many employers and recourses have left Maine. We cannot propose statewide moratoriums and expect Maine to be received in the business world as a place worthy of investment.

PATRICK JUDE

State Representative | District 20 | Republican

Communities served: Brewer Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-22

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

We need to reduce government's role in our economy. Regulations should be created (or in many cases kept) only if they are actually needed and not created just for an illusion of value to uneducated voters. The market should set labor rates, benefits etc, government should not be mandating them. Regulations should be in place to protect the welfare of the workforce and the general public or to ensure fair play across different sized businesses. They should not be placing artificial restrictions on businesses to allow politicians to buy votes or placate special interests.

Frank Joseph Casella

State Representative | District 21 | Republican

Communities served: Bangor Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Lower the cost of energy. Lower the cost of insurance.

Brian Ames

State Representative | District 23 | Republican

Communities served: Bangor Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-07

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

A positive business climate must include attributes which attract investment in any particular industry or business. Reliability is the key component in any investment. That includes a friendly government environment, a trained work force, and a reliable source of raw materials. Achieving that means government must promote policies that also supports the business environment. Maintaining transportation, fuel and energy systems are government responsibilities which must be improved. Taxation, Permitting and Regulation need to be reviewed n the light of promoting industry and business. Wage growth will occur when there is a demand for workers and there is a proven business environment.

David Giles

State Representative | District 27 | Republican

Communities served: Alton, Argyle Township, Bradford Part, Corinth, Hudson, Milford

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
40 / 44	90.9%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Health insurance costs
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

A predictable tax policy (preferably one that lessens the burden of everyday people as well as encourages economic growth).

Nancy Jean Theriault

State Representative | District 29 | Republican

Communities served: Chester, East Millinocket, Herseytown Township, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, North Penobscot, Patten, Woodville

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

No new taxes and reverse some of the recent taxes. Support businesses and get Maine back to work!

James Lee White

State Representative | District 30 | Republican

Communities served: Abbot, Beaver Cove, Blanchard, Bowerbank, Brighton, Brownville, Cambridge, Greenville, Guilford, Kingsbury, Monson, Northeast Piscataquis, Northwest Piscataquis, Parkman, Sangerville, Sebec, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Regulatory and permitting reform, Other
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

End the green scam and lower electricity costs. End government mandates on paid medical leave. Change the CTE class enrollment to allow teens to advance to their potential not warehouses for the kids that are academically lacking. Roll back many regulations far too many to list. Tax on overtime should end. Businesses should be something that our government encourages not abuses. I have been self employed my whole adult life. In the past I employed people now only family, I understand what your members are going through. Thanks for your time and hopefully we can get our state back to work.

John J. Contreni, Jr

State Representative | District 30 | Democratic

Communities served: Abbot, Beaver Cove, Blanchard, Bowerbank, Brighton, Brownville, Cambridge, Greenville, Guilford, Kingsbury, Monson, Northeast Piscataquis, Northwest Piscataquis, Parkman, Sangerville, Sebec, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
34 / 44	77.3%	2026-09-07

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Neutral or unsure**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Renewables primary; conventional resources used temporarily for reliability
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

Make working in Maine attractive to out-of-state workers with incentives and/or bonuses. Maine's aging population cannot sustain the workforce Maine needs now. We need to be open to workers "from away" filling the gap. Also, establish a greater focus on vocational training, internships, and co-ops to prepare the a homegrown workforce.

Stacey Kay Guerin

State Representative | District 34 | Republican

Communities served: Glenburn, Kenduskeag, Levant

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
42 / 44	95.5%	2026-09-19

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Repeal some of the mandates already placed on employers and be extremely careful before adding additional burdens.

Debora Farnham

State Representative | District 35 | Democratic

Communities served: Carmel, Hermon

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
38 / 44	86.4%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Prohibit or place a statewide moratorium on large-scale data centers

Candidate response

Expand career and technical education throughout Maine’s public high school, post secondary and adult education systems. Review & update regulatory and permitting processes to reduce bureaucracy. Work to address energy needs.

Cory Raymond

State Representative | District 41 | Republican

Communities served: Camden, Rockport

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
40 / 44	90.9%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	No / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives, Health insurance costs, Housing availability, Regulatory and permitting reform, Transportation and broadband infrastructure, Research, innovation and technology adoption, Availability of industrial space
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

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Chris P Austin

State Representative | District 43 | Republican

Communities served: Cushing, Owls Head Part, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

The next Legislature must make Maine a more affordable and competitive place to do business. That starts with controlling state spending, lowering the tax burden, cutting unnecessary red tape, and pursuing energy reforms that deliver reliable, affordable power through a balanced energy strategy. We must also strengthen career and technical education, support the trades, and better align workforce development with the real needs of Maine employers. Maine should embrace innovation, advanced manufacturing, and emerging technologies that create good-paying jobs. Our goal should be simple: help Maine businesses invest, grow, hire, and give our children opportunities to build their futures here.

Ray Thombs

State Representative | District 44 | Republican

Communities served: Hope, Union, Warren

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
39 / 44	88.6%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Over the last eight years, Maine state spending has increased significantly, while businesses have faced rising taxes, energy costs, mandates and regulatory burdens. The next Legislature should take a hard look at government spending and policies that make it more difficult or expensive to do business here. Maine needs a turnaround. I've spent years helping businesses turn around, and one of the first rules is simple: If it isn't working, stop doing it. Keep what works, responsibly change what doesn't, and create a predictable, affordable business climate where Maine manufacturers can invest, grow, hire people and compete.

Shawn Saindon

State Representative | District 44 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Hope, Union, Warren

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
39 / 44	88.6%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Renewables primary; conventional resources used temporarily for reliability
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Maine businesses need a fair shot to grow, and we can do that without losing sight of the people and places that make Maine special. That means affordable energy, a strong workforce, more housing, better infrastructure, and common-sense rules that protect workers and our natural resources without making it harder than necessary to do business. We should invest in CTE and apprenticeships, support innovation, and give small businesses the stability they need to create good jobs and keep our communities strong.

Clinton Collamore

State Representative | District 45 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Bremen, Friendship, Louds Island Township, Waldoboro, Washington

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
33 / 44	75.0%	2026-09-03

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Neutral or unsure**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education, Health insurance costs
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Renewables primary; conventional resources used temporarily for reliability
Data-center approach	Prohibit or place a statewide moratorium on large-scale data centers

Candidate response

We need to invest in current businesses, and help new business start up that meets the need of the business ,and it's employees.

Wayne K. Farrin

State Representative | District 47 | Democratic

Communities served: Alna, Jefferson, Whitefield, Wiscasset

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
38 / 44	86.4%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Generally support if there is meaningful benefit
Energy approach	Renewables primary; conventional resources used temporarily for reliability
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

The legislature should work on the shortage of homes to help workforce housing. It should help with tax incentives and help with technical education to show businesses they will have workers if and when they invest in Maine.

Erik Hobson

State Representative | District 48 | Republican

Communities served: Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, South Bristol, Southport, Westport Island

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-12

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Taxes and incentives, Housing availability, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

The next Legislature should make Maine more competitive by lowering the tax and regulatory burden on businesses, especially small businesses and manufacturers. We should reduce unnecessary regulations, streamline permitting, and lower taxes on business investment so entrepreneurs can keep more of what they earn and reinvest it in equipment, employees, and expansion. Instead of picking winners through targeted subsidies, Maine should create a predictable, pro-business environment where every employer has the opportunity to succeed. When government gets out of the way, businesses can invest, grow, create good-paying jobs, and strengthen communities across Maine.

Annalyse Sarvinas

State Representative | District 51 | Republican

Communities served: Topsham Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-11

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Maine manufacturers cannot hire, expand, or stay if energy, taxes, and restrictions keep rising. The next Legislature should reject any new taxes, conform state law so overtime and domestic R&D are not punished, and expand CTE and registered apprenticeships so kids leave school career-ready. Pair that with a real small-business impact test before any new mandate. Workers keep more of what they earn. Shops expand. That is how we get more jobs. That creates a more prosperous Maine.

David Wayne Guilmette

State Representative | District 52 | Republican

Communities served: Bowdoin Part, Bowdoinham, Perkins Island Township, Richmond

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-13

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

In my opinion, Maine is not a business friendly state at this time, but we can change that. We need to promote manufactures and small businesses to come to Maine, for one example, Automobile manufacturing. We could provide tax incentives, less regulation, and maybe draw other ideas from States like Florida, Texas, or Tennessee. We can do this and still keep our State pristine, build our tax base, provide good jobs, and keep our young people here making a good living and happy.

Michelle Tucker

State Representative | District 54 | Republican

Communities served: Farmingdale, Gardiner

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
40 / 44	90.9%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Neutral or unsure**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

We should increase awareness, education and opportunities to young adults who want to live and work in Maine. Shine a heavy spotlight on trade school and vocational opportunities.

Tavis Hasenfus

State Representative | District 57 | Democratic

Communities served: Readfield, Winthrop

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
35 / 44	79.5%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

Reduce Energy costs and increase employee availability.

John Reny

State Representative | District 59 | Republican

Communities served: Augusta Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

The most important action is to make Maine a more competitive place to invest and create jobs by lowering the cost of doing business.The Legislature should reduce taxes and unnesessary regulations that discourage manufacturers and small businesses from expanding , hiring, and investing in new equipment.Maine businesses need predictability, not constantly changing rules and higher costs. We should reward companies that invest here, grow here,and employ Mainers.A competitive tax and regulatory environment will attract new investment , help existing businesses expand , increase wages and ultimately strengthen Maine's economy and communities.

Taylor West

State Representative | District 63 | Democratic

Communities served: Albion, Freedom, Unity Township, Winslow Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
31 / 44	70.5%	2026-09-16

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Neutral or unsure**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Taxes and incentives, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

I think the introduction of AI into businesses requires a growth mindset for business owners. I support AI growth with the mindset that our teammates grow with us. I would support legislation to mandate reinvestment into existing employees whose jobs are threatened, or legislation to ensure facilities are not using AI that destroys our environment.

Shawn Michael Packard

State Representative | District 64 | Republican

Communities served: Waterville Part, Winslow Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
41 / 44	93.2%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Maine needs to make it easier for the people who create jobs to actually do business here. That means lowering energy costs, expanding CTE and workforce training, maintaining a predictable tax environment, and examining the real-world impact of regulations before we impose them. As a small-business owner myself, I understand that every new cost, mandate, and delay adds up. I want Maine to invest in the infrastructure and skilled workforce our employers need while getting unnecessary government barriers out of their way. When Maine businesses can afford to invest, expand, and hire, Maine families and communities benefit.

Matthew Channing Townsend

State Representative | District 67 | Democratic

Communities served: Benton, Fairfield

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
40 / 44	90.9%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

The next legislature needs to address an energy policy to reduce cost for ratepayers but also attract businesses. Housing needs to be addressed as it is unaffordable in some areas where businesses would like to grow. Continued support of K-12 education and the technical centers, apprenticeships, the CC system, and University of Maine system to provide a talented workforce is needed. Healthcare cost and availability as well as childcare need to be addressed so that people are able to be involved in the workforce.

Jennifer Lynn Poirier

State Representative | District 70 | Republican

Communities served: Skowhegan

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

The Legislature needs to reduce and prioritize spending to lower tax burdens. Lowering the tax burdens will attract new investments and create opportunities for people to remain living here.

John E. Ducharme, III

State Representative | District 71 | Republican

Communities served: Cornville, Madison, Norridgewock

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-03

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Health insurance costs, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Make State Government the least consequential piece of business development and business success. If we get government out of the way, our economy will grow and businesses will thrive. Anything that advances that overall objective should be done.

Cynthia Soma-Hernandez

State Representative | District 72 | Democratic

Communities served: Anson, Athens, Bingham, Caratunk, Central Somerset, Concord Township, Embden, Harmony, Lexington Township, Moscow, Moxie Gore Township, Northeast Somerset, Pleasant Ridge, Ripley, Rockwood Strip T1, Seboomook Lake, Solon

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
40 / 44	90.9%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Transportation and broadband infrastructure
Employer-cost approach	Generally support if there is meaningful benefit
Energy approach	Renewables primary; conventional resources used temporarily for reliability
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Affordability affects all aspects of the cost of living. We need more local food resources. If we invest in farming by developing shared tool resource centers, for example, farming would become more accessible and affordable to local Mainers.
Also, by supporting young farmers in the local food development industry by giving them life-time use agreements we could build a viable food delivery system to lower good costs.

Douglas A. Thomas

State Representative | District 72 | Republican

Communities served: Anson, Athens, Bingham, Caratunk, Central Somerset, Concord Township, Embden, Harmony, Lexington Township, Moscow, Moxie Gore Township, Northeast Somerset, Pleasant Ridge, Ripley, Rockwood Strip T1, Seboomook Lake, Solon

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-08

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Reduce the cost of doing business in Maine

H. Scott Landry

State Representative | District 75 | Democratic

Communities served: Chesterville, Farmington

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-02

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

There is not just one thing that needs to happen. Controlling the cost of energy is at the top. Investment in technology and in a well-trained workforce is a priority. Regulation should be well thought out and not burdensome to business.

Brianna Lueck

State Representative | District 79 | Democratic

Communities served: Paris, Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
38 / 44	86.4%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Housing availability, Transportation and broadband infrastructure
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

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Michael J. Lance

State Representative | District 79 | Republican

Communities served: Paris, Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
41 / 44	93.2%	2026-09-11

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Nuclear, S.M.R.s
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Nuclear power, Tech ed. in all schools

Ernest Fitts IV

State Representative | District 80 | Republican

Communities served: Buckfield, Hebron, Otisfield, Oxford

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-11

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Cut the red tape, offer incentives to existing Maine companies for growth/expansion, cut taxes and work with state agencies to bring more companies and jobs to the state.

Peter Wood

State Representative | District 81 | Republican

Communities served: Albany Township, Greenwood, Locke Mills, Mason Township, Norway, South Oxford, Stoneham, Stow, Sweden, Waterford

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
41 / 44	93.2%	2026-09-12

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Reduce energy costs across the board, reduce and streamline the regulatory process. Increase funding to schools with CTE programs. Cut spending to reduce taxes.

Cassandra Anne Dove

State Representative | District 84 | Democratic

Communities served: Baldwin, Naples, Sebago, Standish Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
35 / 44	79.5%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Career and technical education, Housing availability, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Renewables primary; conventional resources used temporarily for reliability
Data-center approach	Prohibit or place a statewide moratorium on large-scale data centers

Candidate response

As an Environmental Politician, I believe the Legislature has their hands full trying to mitigate between manufacturing and environmental issues collaborating. I'd love to see more small business incentives and stop outsourcing some of our tech jobs. Keep them in Maine, hire Maine graduates, create jobs that have less an impact on our environment.

Adrienne Paul

State Representative | District 85 | Republican

Communities served: Standish Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Legislature should create a predictable, creditable business climate by lowering barriers to investment rather than adding new costs and mandates. As a small business owner for many tears, I know that employers can create jobs and raise wages, only when they have certainty and a skilled workforce essential to investment and growth.

Rolf Arthur Olsen Jr.

State Representative | District 86 | Republican

Communities served: Casco, Frye Island, Poland Part, Raymond

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
42 / 44	95.5%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Regulatory and permitting reform, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

encouraging new business to relocate to Maine, supporting existing business and increasing support and access to technical programs in the trades

Scott Girardin

State Representative | District 92 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Greene, Sabattus

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
39 / 44	88.6%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Housing and a feasibility for workers to work and live in the same area

Stephen Wood

State Representative | District 92 | Republican

Communities served: Greene, Sabattus

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Health insurance costs
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Reduce energy cost,help them get qualified workforce and reduce taxes

Julia McCabe

State Representative | District 93 | Democratic

Communities served: Lewiston Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
30 / 44	68.2%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Neutral or unsure**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Health insurance costs
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

I believe we need a greater investment in career technical education skills and focus on the transition from K-12 education to careers. The 18-24 year age group is typically underemployed and we must strengthen the ties between public education and the workforce to help young adults gain skills in the work environment, training environment, or combination of both. We have federal workforce investments coming to Maine soon and have sustained the free community college opportunities for students in Maine so we need to maximize the number of students taking advantage of these offerings to become future skilled employees.

Janet Inger Beaudoin

State Representative | District 94 | Republican

Communities served: Lewiston Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

As a mother and school committee member, my first experience with technical education showed me how successful these programs are. Students gain confidence, learn practical skills, and see a clear path to a good paying career. Not every student needs to take the same path, and Maine should do more to support technical schools, apprenticeships, and the skilled trades. These programs help students succeed, give employers the workers they need, and create more opportunities for young people to stay and build their futures here in Maine.

Dale John Crafts

State Representative | District 97 | Republican

Communities served: Lisbon Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-24

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Housing availability, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Slash Maine's crushing energy costs and taxes while cutting red tape.
Maine manufacturers and job-creating small businesses face some of the highest electricity rates in the nation, heavy tax burdens on equipment and investment, and layers of regulation that punish growth. The next legislature's top priority must be making Maine competitive again: reform energy policy to bring down commercial power rates, protect and strengthen the Business Equipment tax. Reimbursement so companies can invest in machinery without being penalized, and repeal or scale back mandates that raise payroll costs and compliance burdens. Lower cost means more capital for hiring, expansion, and innovation.
That is how we keep manufacturers here, grow Main Street employers, and delivers real opportunity for Maine workers-not more government programs that raise prices and drive jobs away

Ravi Jackson

State Representative | District 101 | Republican

Communities served: Brunswick Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
42 / 44	95.5%	2026-09-12

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Reduce taxes and regulation, reduce government size and scope. Revamp education to align with workforce needs. Ensure cheap, reliable energy. Position Maine as open for business and entrepreneurship. Support small businesses.

Louis Samuel Pfeifle

State Representative | District 104 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Gray Part, New Gloucester

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
38 / 44	86.4%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

I think single-payer healthcare would create a massive boom in small businesses and small business growth. I think we should focus on creating a public health insurance option that would allow businesses to focus on their core business and not shopping for health insurance.

Sean Mahoney

State Representative | District 112 | Democratic

Communities served: Falmouth Part, Portland Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
31 / 44	70.5%	2026-09-21

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Neutral or unsure**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

Getting a handle on energy costs and a realistic and pragmatic review of the regulatory structure and incentive/disincentives associated with that structure. i would be open top cumulative cost and impact studies but would need to have a better sense of what that entails - the last thing we need to do is add on more regulatory layers to state action.

Jacob Murray Wakem

State Representative | District 119 | Republican

Communities served: Peaks Island, Portland Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
39 / 44	88.6%	2026-09-11

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Neutral or unsure**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced but no nuclear power
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

Helping young people transition to the workforce is crucial, especially if they don't have full scholarships. Lowering regulations can also help. Lowering taxes is also a no-brainer.

Mary Shannon Lindstrom

State Representative | District 124 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Scarborough Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
30 / 44	68.2%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Housing availability, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

The next Legislature should focus on reducing Maine's high energy costs, which remain one of the biggest barriers for manufacturers and small businesses trying to invest and grow. At the same time, Maine must strengthen policies that attract and retain new residents, ensuring a stable workforce and vibrant communities. By addressing both affordability and population growth, lawmakers can create an environment where businesses have the confidence to expand and create jobs.

Lawrence McWilliams

State Representative | District 128 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Westbrook Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Taxes and incentives, Health insurance costs
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

In order to increase and help small businesses thrive, there needs to be less regulations to ensure start ups as well as keep the businesses that already exist.

Allen Anthony Daggett

State Representative | District 134 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Biddeford Part, Kennebunk Part, Kennebunkport

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-11

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Taxes and incentives, Housing availability, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

stop regulating businesses so much

Scott Craig

State Representative | District 135 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Kennebunk Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

The next Legislature should work to reduce energy costs in the state to help support business and manufacturing growth. A complete review of the regulatory burden on manufacturing and small business should be completed to remove outdated and redundant regulations. I'd also recommend tax incentives for businesses that increase hiring in Maine and for businesses that move to Maine.

John Eder

State Representative | District 136 | Republican

Communities served: Alfred, Lyman Part, Waterboro Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
42 / 44	95.5%	2026-09-18

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Our trades are languishing and we need to train more skilled workforce to fill the need. I support fast tracking students into apprenticeships and technical training and deprioritize pushing all our kids to into four year colleges.

Jonathan L. Kinney

State Representative | District 138 | Republican

Communities served: Buxton Part, Cornish, Hollis Part, Limington

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-23

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Regulatory and permitting reform
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

Tax conformity with the federal government. Removal of all subsidies on energy, removal of 100 megawatt cap on hydropower. Reduce Maine income tax to a maximum of 5 percent or lower.
Have our public schools return to teaching math, science, reading, history and the arts to raise our test scores back to the top nationally as we were in the 90s, to further help manufacturers and businesses hire competent employees.

David Roland Mongeau II

State Representative | District 141 | Unenrolled

Communities served: Newfield, Sanford Part, Shapleigh, Springvale Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-09

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Health insurance costs, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Because the legislature did not plan ahead we are at a point where pausinng briefly makes sense, but then we should actively recruit the data centers that make sense

Candidate response

Comprehensive planning is the best thing that Maine could do to help businesses in the State. From PFAS, to data centers to energy, Maine has not planned well. I am a big fan of municipalizing the State similar to what Nebraska does as an overarching plan for energy.

Rebecca Lynn Flood Andrews

State Representative | District 141 | Democratic

Communities served: Newfield, Sanford Part, Shapleigh, Springvale Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
33 / 44	75.0%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly oppose**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Career and technical education, Health insurance costs, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Prohibit or place a statewide moratorium on large-scale data centers

Candidate response

Ensure any regulations and legislation will be as barrier free as possible while maintaining proper safety and environmental standards to protect our environment and the public.

Karen Gerrish

State Representative | District 144 | Republican

Communities served: Acton, Lebanon

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
38 / 44	86.4%	2026-09-13

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Support**
Growth infrastructure	**Support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Taxes and incentives, Availability of industrial space
Employer-cost approach	Generally oppose increased employer costs
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Consider projects individually through established permitting

Candidate response

For as long as I can remember Maine has not been small business friendly. The taxes alone put businesses out of business and Mainers out of their homes. I would vote to offer significant tax credits to attract businesses to Maine. More businesses here means more jobs for Mainers. I would also support in our infrastructure such as broadband and energy efficiency upgrades. Im also a huge supporter of trade school education. Even as a public school teacher, I've never believed all students fit into the 4 year college box.

Bradley Moulton

State Representative | District 146 | Republican

Communities served: Ogunquit, Wells Part, York Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
38 / 44	86.4%	2026-09-01

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Support**
Federal tax conformity	**Oppose**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Career and technical education, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Prioritize lowest-cost, reliable resources regardless of source
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

despite other needs, reducing the cost of energy ranks high in priority

Walter Runte JR

State Representative | District 146 | Democratic

Communities served: Ogunquit, Wells Part, York Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
43 / 44	97.7%	2026-09-14

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Transportation and broadband infrastructure
Employer-cost approach	Depends on the proposal
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

Maine's economic development strategy is 7 years old, reset in 2024. We need as assessment of where it is succeeding relative to goals and where it is not, and refocus, if necessary, on the elements that are not working.

Holly Taylor Sargent

State Representative | District 147 | Democratic

Communities served: York Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
33 / 44	75.0%	2026-09-22

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Support**
Regulatory impact review	**Support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Neutral or unsure**
Data-center permitting	**Neutral or unsure**
Federal tax conformity	**Neutral or unsure**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Unsure / Yes
Top priorities	Workforce availability and skills, Career and technical education, Research, innovation and technology adoption
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Renewables primary; conventional resources used temporarily for reliability
Data-center approach	Pause most projects until comprehensive standards are established

Candidate response

Continue investment in R&D to make it reliable and effective- not on and off. Provide incentives for apprenticeships in needed fields.

Mark Frederick Zimmer

State Representative | District 150 | Republican

Communities served: Eliot, Kittery Part, South Berwick Part

MAME alignment score	Alignment percentage	Submitted
44 / 44	100.0%	2026-09-18

Policy positions

Statement	Response
All-of-the-above energy	**Strongly support**
CTE and workforce	**Strongly support**
Predictable tax climate	**Strongly support**
Regulatory impact review	**Strongly support**
Employer cost review	**Strongly support**
Growth infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Natural gas infrastructure	**Strongly support**
Data-center permitting	**Strongly support**
Federal tax conformity	**Strongly support**

Additional positions

Cost review / facility visits	Yes / Yes
Top priorities	Affordable and reliable energy, Taxes and incentives, Housing availability
Employer-cost approach	Support after reviewing need, cost, small-business effects and alternatives
Energy approach	Balanced all-of-the-above portfolio; equal weight to affordability, reliability and emissions
Data-center approach	Actively recruit responsible data-center development

Candidate response

Lower taxes to stimulate business investment and growth

Did Not Respond

Candidates who did not submit the MAME survey

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Candidates who did not respond

The following active 2026 candidates on MAME's outreach roster did not submit a survey response. Their status is listed as "Did Not Respond." A missing response should not be interpreted as a candidate's position on any issue.

State Senate

District	Candidate	Party
1	Dr. Lucien Daigle	Republican
1	Vaughn J Mclaughlin	Democratic
2	Harold Stewart III	Republican
2	Janel Underwood-Charette	Democratic
4	Chad Richard Perkins	Republican
4	Gregory Pierce	Republican
5	Elizabeth Caruso	Republican
7	Cheryl Hewes	Republican
7	Nicole C Grohoski	Democratic
8	Michael Tipping	Democratic
9	Amy J Roeder	Democratic
9	Stephen Carey	Unenrolled
10	David G. Haggan	Republican
10	Jaric Travis Fontaine	Democratic
11	Glenn Chip Curry	Democratic
11	Ryan Christopher Otis	Republican
12	Ann Higgins Matlack	Democratic
12	Nicole Lynn Kalloch	Unenrolled
13	Cameron Reny	Democratic
14	Steven McGee	Republican
16	Patric Moore	Democratic
16	Scott W. Cyrway	Republican
17	Joshua Morris	Republican
17	Richard G. Mason	Republican
18	Elizabeth D. Bosworth	Democratic
18	John Andrews	Republican

19	David Duguay	Unenrolled
19	Joseph Edward Martin	Republican
20	Michael R. Scott	Democratic
21	Eryn Soule	Unenrolled
21	Shanna Cox	Democratic
22	Kimberly J. Pomerleau	Republican
23	Bernard Robert Porter	Republican
23	Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry	Democratic
24	Denise Tepler	Democratic
25	Teresa S Pierce	Democratic
26	Timothy E Nangle	Democratic
27	Jill C. Duson	Democratic
28	Rachel Talbot Ross	Democratic
29	Anne Carney	Democratic
30	M. Thad Moody	Republican
30	Sophia Warren	Democratic
31	Donna Bailey	Democratic
31	Scott Eccleston	Republican
32	Henry L Ingwersen	Democratic
33	Mark Vigliotta	Democratic
35	Michele Meyer	Democratic

State Representative

District	Candidate	Party
1	Austin Theriault	Republican
1	Jennifer Levesque	Democratic
2	Roland Daniel Martin	Democratic
3	David H. McCrea	Democratic
3	Susan Bernard	Republican
4	Timothy Conrad Guerrette	Republican
5	Douglas Colburn Carlisle Jr	Republican
5	Lori Kenneson	Democratic
6	Donald Ardell	Republican
6	Melanie Tompkins	Democratic
7	Jantzen Stephen Craine	Republican
7	Matthew Rush	Democratic
8	Tracy Quint	Republican
9	Arthur K. Mingo	Republican
9	Nicole Richards	Democratic
10	William R Tuell	Republican
11	Tiffany Strout	Republican
12	Thomas Hart	Republican
13	Michael Hobart Cunningham II	Democratic
14	Gary Friedmann	Democratic
15	Holly Rae Eaton	Democratic
16	Eric White	Republican
16	Nina A Milliken	Democratic
17	Ronald Russell	Democratic
18	Jonathan Goble	Democratic
18	Mathew David McIntyre	Republican
19	David Ulrich	Democratic
19	Richard H. Campbell	Republican
20	Dani O'Halloran	Democratic
21	Ambureen Rana	Democratic
21	Andrew Laverdiere	Republican
22	Laura Supica	Democratic

23	Victoria Porter Kornfield	Democratic
24	Daniel LaPointe	Republican
24	Sean Faircloth	Democratic
25	Anthony M. Weaver	Republican
25	Laurie Osher	Democratic
26	Adam Joseph Shaw	Unenrolled
26	James F. Dill	Democratic
27	Devan Arnold	Democratic
28	Gordon Powell Street	Democratic
28	Irene Gifford	Republican
29	Nancy McDowell	Democratic
31	Andrew R. Torbett	Republican
31	Eric Boothroyd	Democratic
32	Shawn Leroy Lancaster	Republican
33	Kenneth Wade Fredette	Republican
33	Michael Brayson	Democratic
34	James McClymer	Democratic
35	James E Thorne	Republican
36	Clifton Foster	Democratic
36	Kimberly M. Haggan	Republican
37	Alan Lee Orcutt	Democratic
37	Reagan Paul	Republican
38	Benjamin Hymes	Republican
38	Kayla Miller	Democratic
39	Madison Cook	Democratic
39	Michael J. Nicholson	Republican
40	D. Michael Ray	Democratic
40	Joseph McLaughlin	Republican
41	Joshua D. Gerritsen	Democratic
42	Melissa Byer	Republican
42	Valli D. Geiger	Democratic
43	Rhiannon Hampson	Democratic
45	Rebecca Stephens	Republican

46	Jennifer Mayher	Democratic
46	Kristine A. Poland	Unenrolled
47	Chester B. Grover III	Republican
48	Charlotte Nutt	Democratic
49	Suzanne R. Andresen	Republican
49	Trent Vellella	Democratic
50	David Sinclair	Democratic
50	Jedediah J. Rice	Republican
51	Rafael Macias	Democratic
52	Sally Cluchey	Democratic
53	Michael Lemelin	Republican
53	Richard Marc Goldman	Democratic
54	Karen Montell	Democratic
55	Charles Hippler, IV	Republican
55	Maureen AuCoin	Democratic
56	Randall Adam Greenwood	Republican
56	Robin Upton-Sukeforth	Democratic
57	David Potvin	Republican
58	Dexter 'Buzz' Bridges	Republican
58	Sharon C. Frost	Unenrolled
59	Katrina Couch Ray-Saulis	Democratic
60	William R. Bridgeo	Democratic
60	Wyatt Beaulieu	Republican
61	Alicia Collins	Republican
61	Robin Crawley	Democratic
62	Katrina J Smith	Republican
62	Pamela Jo Swift	Democratic
63	Paul R Flynn	Republican
64	Flavia DeBrito	Democratic
65	Cassie L. Julia	Democratic
65	Jeremy McArthur	Republican
66	Michael D. Perkins	Republican
67	Shawn M. Dixon	Republican

68	Amanda Collamore	Republican
68	Zachary Lejonhud	Unenrolled
69	DEAN CRAY	Republican
69	Jessica Blanchard	Democratic
70	Joseph Almand	Democratic
73	Daniel Simonds	Democratic
73	Mike Soboleski	Republican
74	Marc Edwards	Democratic
74	Russell John Black	Republican
75	Randall Douglas Gauvin	Republican
76	Sheila Lyman	Republican
76	Trevor Alex Doiron	Democratic
77	Arlie Hetrick Jr.	Democratic
77	Tammy Schmersal-Burgess	Republican
78	Rachel A. Henderson	Republican
78	Woodleigh H Hughes	Democratic
80	Azalea Cormier	Unenrolled
81	Christopher Easton	Democratic
82	Caleb Joshua NESS	Republican
82	Christopher Alfred Lewey	Democratic
83	Marygrace Cimino	Republican
83	Timothy Becker	Democratic
84	Mark Walker	Republican
85	Paul Welch	Democratic
85	Timothy Nickels	Republican
86	Abigail Geer	Democratic
87	David Wayne Boyer, Jr.	Republican
88	Dana Staples	Democratic
88	Quentin Chapman	Republican
89	Adam R. Lee	Democratic
89	James Berube	Republican
90	James Sorcek	Republican
90	Laurel Libby	Republican

90	Pamela Hart	Democratic
91	Jeffrey Timberlake	Republican
94	Scott A. Harriman	Democratic
95	Bret Martel	Republican
95	Kiernan Innes Majerus-Collins	Democratic
96	Kerryl Lee Clement	Republican
96	Luke Dylan Jensen	Democratic
98	Kilton McCarthy Webb	Democratic
98	William J. St. Michel	Republican
99	Braeden Webber	Republican
99	Cheryl A Golek	Democratic
100	Brett Barrett	Republican
100	Daniel Joseph Ankeles	Democratic
101	Poppy T. Arford	Democratic
102	Henry Lawrence	Republican
102	Maura H Pillsbury	Democratic
103	Karin Orenstein	Democratic
104	R. Melissa Winslow	Republican
105	Anne Graham	Democratic
106	Barbara Anne Bagshaw	Republican
106	Bradley Youngs	Democratic
107	Joseph Campbell	Democratic
107	Mark C. Cooper	Republican
108	Kelly Dearborn	Republican
108	Parnell Terry	Democratic
109	Diana Kushnar	Republican
109	Seven Siegel	Democratic
110	Christina Mitchell	Democratic
110	Jason Lewis Copp	Republican
111	Amy D. Kuhn	Democratic
112	Lauren Jones	Republican
113	Grayson Lookner	Democratic
114	April Fournier	Democratic

115	Andrew Zarro	Democratic
116	Samuel Lewis Zager	Democratic
117	Matthew Moonen	Democratic
118	Yusuf Yusuf	Democratic
119	Michael Dixon	Democratic
120	Jason Shedlock	Democratic
121	Lucy Perkins	Democratic
121	Meagan Smith	Republican
122	Matthew D. Beck	Democratic
123	Michelle N Boyer	Democratic
124	Eric Nathanson	Democratic
124	Scott Doherty	Republican
125	Kelly Maureen Noonan Murphy	Democratic
126	Andrew Gattine	Democratic
126	Ethan Mongue	Republican
127	Morgan Rielly	Democratic
128	Suzanne Salisbury	Democratic
129	Marshall Archer	Democratic
130	Lynn Copeland	Democratic
130	Todd Michael Davis	Unenrolled
131	Kenneth Blow	Unenrolled
131	Robert Kelly	Democratic
132	Ryan Fecteau	Democratic
133	Marc G. Malon, II	Democratic
133	Marc Lessard	Unenrolled
134	Traci Gere	Democratic
135	Lisa Pratt	Democratic
136	Michelle Conners	Democratic
137	Charles Edward Tilburg	Democratic
137	Nathan M. Carlow	Republican
138	Oliver McAvoy	Democratic
139	Dean LePage	Democratic
139	Jamie K Newton	Republican

140	Kirstan Watson	Democratic
140	Wayne Parry	Republican
141	Marc Anthony Boisse	Republican
142	Ayn Hanselmann	Democratic
142	Domingo Torres	Republican
143	John Robert Henkelman III	Democratic
143	Melissa Simpson	Republican
144	Corinna Cole	Unenrolled
144	Jeff Adams	Republican
145	Caleb Joseph Chase	Republican
145	Kristin Tyra Davis	Democratic
148	Marissa Tasker	Democratic
148	Thomas Lavigne	Republican
149	Mallory Aaren Cook	Democratic
149	Timothy Towne	Republican
150	Alexandros Orestis	Democratic
151	Kristi Mathieson	Democratic
151	Suzanne Johnson	Republican

District communities

Official municipalities and territories by legislative district

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State Senate district communities

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District	Communities served
1	Allagash, Ashland, Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, Garfield, Masardis, Nashville, New Canada, Northwest Aroostook, Portage Lake, St. Francis, St. John, Wallagrass, Winterville, Cross Lake Township, Frenchville, Grand Isle, Madawaska, Madawaska Lake Township, Perham, Square Lake, St. Agatha, T15 R6 WELS Township, Van Buren, Caswell, Connor, Cyr, Fort Fairfield, Hamlin, Limestone, New Sweden, Stockholm, Westmanland, Woodland, Caribou, Wade, Washburn, Castle Hill, Central Aroostook, Chapman, Mapleton
2	Easton, Presque Isle, Blaine, Bridgewater, Dyer Brook, E Township, Hammond, Hersey, Littleton, Mars Hill, Merrill, Monticello, Moro, Oxbow North Township, Smyrna, Westfield, Houlton, Linneus, Ludlow, New Limerick, Oakfield, Amity, Bancroft Township, Benedicta Township, Cary Township, Crystal, Drew Township, Glenwood, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Island Falls, Kingman Township, Macwahoc, Mattawamkeag, Orient, Reed, Sherman, Silver Ridge Township, South Aroostook, Stacyville, Weston, Mattamiscontis, Maxfield, North Penobscot, Seboeis, Chester, East Millinocket, Herseytown Township, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Patten, Woodville
3	Stetson, Dixmont, Etna, Newport, Plymouth, Unity Township, Benton, Clinton, Pittsfield, Canaan, Detroit, Palmyra, Skowhegan, Madison, Norridgewock
4	Bradford, Corinth, Hudson, Abbot, Beaver Cove, Blanchard, Bowerbank, Greenville, Guilford, Kingsbury, Monson, Northeast Piscataquis, Northwest Piscataquis, Parkman, Sangerville, Sebec, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic, Atkinson, Brownville (part), Dover-Foxcroft, Lake View, Medford, Milo, Orneville Township, Southeast Piscataquis, Charleston, Dexter, Exeter, Garland, Corinna, Glenburn, Kenduskeag, Levant
5	Brighton, Cambridge, New Sharon, Rome, Vienna, Mercer, Smithfield, Starks, Hartland, St. Albans, Cornville, Anson, Athens, Bingham, Caratunk, Central Somerset, Concord Township, Embden, Harmony, Lexington Township, Moscow (part), Moxie Gore Township, Northeast Somerset, Pleasant Ridge, Ripley, Rockwood Strip T1, Seboomook Lake, Solon, Attean Township, Bowtown Township, Carrabassett Valley, Carrying Place Township, Dennistown, East Central Franklin, Freeman Township, Highland, Jackman, Kingfield, Madrid Township, Moose River, Northwest Somerset, Salem Township, The Forks, West Forks, Wyman Township, Industry, New Portland, New Vineyard, Strong, Wilton, Chesterville, Farmington
6	Brookton Township, Codyville Township, Danforth, North Washington, Talmadge, Topsfield, Vanceboro, Waite, Baileyville, Baring, Calais, Eastport, Grand Lake Stream, Meddybemps, Passamaquoddy Indian Township, Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point, Perry, Robbinston, Alexander, Cathance Township, Charlotte, Cooper, Crawford, Cutler, Dennysville, East Central Washington, East Machias, Edmunds Township, Greenlaw Chopping Township, Lubec, Machiasport, Marshfield, Northfield, Pembroke, Princeton, Wesley, Whiting, Addison, Beals, Centerville Township, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Milbridge, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Winter Harbor, Central Hancock, Fletchers Landing Township, Waltham, Amherst, Aurora, Beddington, Cherryfield, Day Block Township, Deblois, East Hancock, Eastbrook, Great Pond, Mariaville, Northwest Hancock, Osborn, Sakon Township
7	Ellsworth, Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Lamoine, Mount Desert, Brooklin, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, Marshall Island, Southwest Habor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Blue Hill, Brooksville, Castine, Sedgwick, Surry,

District	Communities served
	Trenton, Orland, Penobscot, Verona Island
8	Carroll, Lakeville, Lee, Prentiss Township, Springfield, Twombly Ridge Township, Webster, Whitney (Pukakon) Township, Burlington, East Central Penobscot, Greenbush, Greenfield Township, Lowell, Passadumkeag, Summit Townships, Orono, Veazie, Old Town, Penobscot Indian Island, Penobscot Nation Voting District, Alton, Argyle Township, Milford, Edinburg, Enfield, Howland, Lagrange, Lincoln, Winn
9	Bangor, Hermon
10	Bucksport, Clifton, Dedham, Otis, Eddington, Holden, Orrington, Brewer, Bradley, Carmel, Hampden, Newburgh
11	Frankfort, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs, Winterport, Brooks, Jackson, Knox, Monroe, Swanville, Thorndike, Unity, Waldo, Belfast, Belmont, Northport, Islesboro, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Searsmont, Palermo, Freedom, Burnham, Troy
12	Vinalhaven, Appleton, Camden, Rockport, Criehaven Township, Matinicus Isle, Muscle Ridge Islands, North Haven, Owls Head, Rockland, Cushing, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston, Hope, Union, Warren, Friendship
13	Bremen, Louds Island Township, Waldoboro, Washington, Bristol, Damariscotta, Monhegan, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Alna, Jefferson, Whitefield, Wiscasset, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, South Bristol, Southport, Westport Island, Hibberts Gore Township, Somerville, Windsor
14	Chelsea, Pittston, Randolph, Farmingdale, Gardiner, Hallowell, Manchester, West Gardiner, Monmouth, Readfield, Winthrop, Wayne
15	Belgrade, Mount Vernon, Augusta, Sidney, Vassalboro, China
16	Albion, Winslow, Waterville, Oakland, Fairfield
17	Litchfield, Wales, Fayette, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Leeds, Turner, Greene, Sabattus, Lisbon
18	Paris, Hebron, Otisfield, Oxford, Norway, Sweden, Waterford, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Bridgton, Denmark, Harrison, Mechanic Falls, Minot
19	Andover, Coplin, Dallas, Eustis, Gilead, Lincoln Plantation, Magalloway Township, Newry, North Franklin, North Oxford, Phillips, Rangeley, Sandy River, Upton, West Central Franklin, Avon, Carthage, South Franklin, Temple, Weld, Jay, Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Mexico, Peru, Bethel, Byron, Hanover, Milton Township, Roxbury, Rumford, Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock, Buckfield, Albany Township, Greenwood, Locke Mills, Mason Township, South Oxford, Stoneham, Stow, Lovell
20	Poland, Auburn, Durham, New Gloucester
21	Lewiston
22	Hiram, Porter, Baldwin, Naples, Sebago, Standish, Cornish, Limington, Limerick, Parsonsfield, Newfield, Shapleigh, Acton
23	Pownal, Brunswick, Harpswell, Freeport, Yarmouth, Chebeague Island
24	Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich, Bath, Topsham, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Perkins Island Township, Richmond, Dresden
25	Gray, North Yarmouth, Cumberland, Long Island, Falmouth
26	Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, Windham, Westbrook (part)
27	Portland (part), Westbrook (part)
28	Portland (part)
29	South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough (part)

District	Communities served
30	Gorham, Scarborough (part)
31	Saco, Old Orchard Beach, Buxton
32	Biddeford, Lyman, Hollis, Arundel, Dayton
33	Alfred, Waterboro, Sanford, Springvale, Lebanon
34	Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells, Berwick, North Berwick
35	Ogunquit, York, South Berwick, Eliot, Kittery

State Representative district communities

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District	Communities served
1	Allagash, Ashland, Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, Garfield, Masardis, Nashville, New Canada, Northwest Aroostook, Portage Lake, St. Francis, St. John, Wallagrass, Winterville
2	Cross Lake Township, Frenchville, Grand Isle, Madawaska, Madawaska Lake Township, Perham, Square Lake, St. Agatha, T15 R6 WELS Township, Van Buren
3	Caswell, Connor, Cyr, Easton, Fort Fairfield, Hamlin, Limestone, New Sweden, Stockholm, Westmanland, Woodland
4	Caribou, Wade, Washburn
5	Presque Isle
6	Blaine, Bridgewater, Castle Hill, Central Aroostook, Chapman, Dyer Brook, E Township, Hammond, Hersey, Littleton, Mapleton, Mars Hill, Merrill, Monticello, Moro, Oxbow North Township, Smyrna, T11 R4 WELS, T7 R5 WELS, TD R2 WELS, Westfield
7	Houlton, Linneus, Ludlow, New Limerick, Oakfield
8	Amity, Bancroft Township, Benedicta Township, Brookton Township, Carroll, Cary Township, Codyville Township, Crystal, Danforth, Drew Township, Glenwood, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Island Falls, Kingman Township, Lakeville, Lee, Macwahoc, Mattawamkeag, North Washington Part, Orient, Prentiss Township, Reed, Sherman, Silver Ridge Township, South Aroostook, Springfield, Stacyville, Talmadge, Topsfield, Twombly Ridge Township, Vanceboro, Waite, Webster, Weston, Whitney (Pukakon) Township
9	Baileyville, Baring, Calais, Eastport, Grand Lake Stream, Meddybemps, Passamaquoddy Indian Township, Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point, Perry, Robbinston
10	Alexander, Cathance Township, Charlotte, Cooper, Crawford, Cutler, Dennysville, East Central Washington, East Machias, Edmunds Township, Greenlaw Chopping Township, Lubec, Machiasport, Marshfield, North Washington Part, Northfield, Pembroke, Princeton, Wesley, Whiting
11	Addison, Beals, Centerville Township, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Milbridge, North Washington Part, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville
12	Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Sorrento, Steuben, Sullivan, Winter Harbor
13	Central Hancock, Ellsworth, Fletchers Landing Township, Waltham
14	Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Lamoine, Mount Desert
15	Brooklin, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, Marshall Island, Southwest Habor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Vinalhaven
16	Blue Hill, Brooksville, Castine, Sedgwick, Surry, Trenton
17	Bucksport, Orland, Penobscot, Verona Island
18	Amherst, Aurora, Beddington, Burlington, Cherryfield, Clifton, Day Block

District	Communities served
	Township, Deblois, Dedham, East Central Penobscot, East Hancock, Eastbrook, Great Pond, Greenbush, Greenfield Township, Lowell, Mariaville, North Washington Part, Northwest Hancock, Osborn, Otis, Passadumkeag, Sakon Township, Summit Townships, T10 SD TWP (Milbrodge), T22 MD TWP, T3 ND TWP, T7 SD TWP, T9 SD TWP
19	Eddington, Holden, Orrington
20	Brewer Part
21	Bangor Part
22	Bangor Part
23	Bangor Part
24	Bangor Part, Brewer Part, Orono Part, Veazie
25	Orono Part
26	Bradley, Old Town, Penobscot Indian Island, Penobscot Nation Voting District
27	Alton, Argyle Township, Bradford Part, Corinth, Hudson, Milford
28	Edinburg, Enfield, Howland, Lagrange, Lincoln, Mattamiscontis, Maxfield, North Penobscot, Seboeis, Winn
29	Chester, East Millinocket, Herseytown Township, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, North Penobscot, Patten, Woodville
30	Abbot, Beaver Cove, Blanchard, Bowerbank, Brighton, Brownville, Cambridge, Greenville, Guilford, Kingsbury, Monson, Northeast Piscataquis, Northwest Piscataquis, Parkman, Sangerville, Sebec, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic
31	Atkinson, Brownville, Dover-Foxcroft, Lake View, Medford, Milo, Orneville Township, Southeast Piscataquis
32	Bradford Part, Charleston, Dexter, Exeter, Garland, Stetson
33	Corinna, Dixmont, Etna, Newport, Plymouth
34	Glenburn, Kenduskeag, Levant
35	Carmel, Hermon
36	Hampden, Newburgh
37	Frankfort Part, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs, Winterport
38	Brooks, Frankfort Part, Jackson, Knox, Monroe, Swanville, Thorndike, Unity, Waldo
39	Belfast, Belmont, Northport
40	Appleton, Islesboro, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Searsmont
41	Camden, Rockport
42	Criehaven Township, Matinicus Isle, Muscle Ridge Islands, North Haven, Owls Head Part, Rockland
43	Cushing, Owls Head Part, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston
44	Hope, Union, Warren
45	Bremen, Friendship, Louds Island Township, Waldoboro, Washington
46	Bristol, Damariscotta, Monhegan, Newcastle, Nobleboro

District	Communities served
47	Alna, Jefferson, Whitefield, Wiscasset
48	Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, South Bristol, Southport, Westport Island
49	Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich
50	Bath
51	Topsham Part
52	Bowdoin Part, Bowdoinham, Perkins Island Township, Richmond
53	Chelsea, Dresden, Pittston, Randolph
54	Farmingdale, Gardiner
55	Hallowell, Manchester, West Gardiner
56	Litchfield, Monmouth, Wales
57	Readfield, Winthrop
58	Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, New Sharon, Rome, Vienna
59	Augusta Part
60	Augusta Part
61	Sidney Part, Vassalboro
62	China, Hibberts Gore Township, Palermo, Somerville, Windsor
63	Albion, Freedom, Unity Township, Winslow Part
64	Waterville Part, Winslow Part
65	Waterville Part
66	Mercer, Oakland, Sidney Part, Smithfield, Starks
67	Benton, Fairfield
68	Burnham, Clinton, Pittsfield, Troy
69	Canaan, Detroit, Hartland, Palmyra, St. Albans
70	Skowhegan
71	Cornville, Madison, Norridgewock
72	Anson, Athens, Bingham, Caratunk, Central Somerset, Concord Township, Embden, Harmony, Lexington Township, Moscow, Moxie Gore Township, Northeast Somerset, Pleasant Ridge, Ripley, Rockwood Strip T1, Seboomook Lake, Solon
73	Andover, Attean Township, Bowtown Township, Carrabassett Valley, Carrying Place Township, Coplin, Dallas, Dennistown, East Central Franklin, Eustis, Freeman Township, Gilead, Highland, Jackman, Kingfield, Lincoln Plantation, Madrid Township, Magalloway Township, Moose River, Moscow, Newry, North Franklin, North Oxford, Northwest Somerset, Phillips, Rangeley, Salem Township, Sandy River, The Forks, Upton, West Central Franklin, West Forks, Wyman Township
74	Avon, Carthage, Industry, New Portland, New Vineyard, South Franklin, Strong, Temple, Weld, Wilton
75	Chesterville, Farmington

District	Communities served
76	Jay, Livermore Part, Livermore Falls
77	Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Livermore Part, Mexico, Peru
78	Bethel, Byron, Hanover, Milton Township, Roxbury, Rumford
79	Paris, Sumner, West Paris, Woodstock
80	Buckfield, Hebron, Otisfield, Oxford
81	Albany Township, Greenwood, Locke Mills, Mason Township, Norway, South Oxford, Stoneham, Stow, Sweden, Waterford
82	Brownfield, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell, Porter
83	Bridgton, Denmark, Harrison
84	Baldwin, Naples, Sebago, Standish Part
85	Standish Part
86	Casco, Frye Island, Poland Part, Raymond
87	Mechanic Falls, Poland Part
88	Auburn Part
89	Auburn Part
90	Auburn Part, Minot
91	Leeds, Turner, Wayne
92	Greene, Sabattus
93	Lewiston Part
94	Lewiston Part
95	Lewiston Part
96	Lewiston Part
97	Lisbon Part
98	Bowdoin Part, Durham, Lisbon Part, Pownal, Topsham Part
99	Brunswick Part, Harpswell
100	Brunswick Part
101	Brunswick Part
102	Freeport
103	Yarmouth
104	Gray Part, New Gloucester
105	Gray Part, North Yarmouth
106	Windham Part
107	Windham Part
108	Gorham Part
109	Gorham Part

District	Communities served
110	Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Long Island
111	Falmouth Part
112	Falmouth Part, Portland Part
113	Portland Part
114	Portland Part
115	Portland Part
116	Portland Part
117	Portland Part
118	Portland Part
119	Peaks Island, Portland Part
120	South Portland Part
121	Cape Elizabeth Part, South Portland Part
122	South Portland Part
123	Cape Elizabeth Part
124	Scarborough Part
125	Scarborough Part
126	Saco Part, Scarborough Part, Westbrook Part
127	Westbrook Part
128	Westbrook Part
129	Saco Part
130	Saco Part
131	Old Orchard Beach
132	Biddeford Part
133	Biddeford Part
134	Biddeford Part, Kennebunk Part, Kennebunkport
135	Kennebunk Part
136	Alfred, Lyman Part, Waterboro Part
137	Buxton Part, Hollis Part
138	Buxton Part, Cornish, Hollis Part, Limington
139	Limerick, Parsonsfield, Waterboro Part
140	Arundel, Dayton, Lyman Part
141	Newfield, Sanford Part, Shapleigh, Springvale Part
142	Sanford Part, Springvale Part

District	Communities served
143	Sanford Part
144	Acton, Lebanon
145	Wells Part
146	Ogunquit, Wells Part, York Part
147	York Part
148	Berwick, North Berwick Part
149	North Berwick Part, South Berwick Part
150	Eliot, Kittery Part, South Berwick Part
151	Kittery Part

Methodology and notes

Candidate universe

349 active candidates for the Maine House of Representatives and Maine Senate in MAME's outreach roster, excluding one internal test record.

Response count

88 submissions were received. Lawrence McWilliams submitted twice; the later Sept. 23 response is used, resulting in 87 unique candidate records.

Timing

The dataset includes one response received Sept. 24 at 4:39 a.m.

Scoring

Nine policy statements were scored Strongly support = 4, Support = 3, Neutral or unsure = 2, Oppose = 1 and Strongly oppose = 0. Two additional questions were scored Yes = 4, Unsure = 2 and No = 0. The maximum score is 44.

Identity reconciliation

Office, district and party are taken from MAME's outreach roster. Jacob Wakem entered District 114 in the survey; the outreach roster lists District 119, which is used in this report.

District communities

Community lists are from the Maine House of Representatives, "Towns in Each District," 132nd Legislature. The official table identifies each House district and corresponding Senate district. Source: legislature.maine.gov/house/MemberProfiles/ListDistrictTowns.

Interpretation

The MAME alignment score reflects agreement with MAME-selected statements. It is not an endorsement, prediction of future votes or representative poll. Participation was voluntary and respondents were self-selected.

Candidate comments

Written responses are presented as submitted, including spelling and punctuation.

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