

Sample Email: AFA Committee Members and Leadership

Email Subject Line: Please Fund LD 1643 – Maine’s Life Science Innovation Center

Dear [Legislator's Name],

As a supporter of Maine’s future economy, I respectfully urge you to fund LD 1643, An Act to Establish the Maine Life Science Innovation Center.

This legislation passed unanimously in the Housing and Economic Development Committee and is backed by bipartisan sponsors from across Maine. The bill is not about building a new agency. It’s about aligning and accelerating Maine’s strengths in science, health, and natural resources. The Governor’s budget includes \$3 million for life sciences in the second year of the biennium, which could be used to support this effort (pg. A-197 in LD 210, DECD Office of Innovation). The Center will use those funds to coordinate statewide efforts, support startups, expand workforce programs, and help Maine compete for critical federal and private investments.

This is a smart, focused investment that will help create good-paying jobs, support rural economic development, and give young people more reasons to build careers in Maine.

We urge you to support the life sciences funding proposed by the Governor and incorporate the language of LD 1643 into the budget. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[City or Town]

[Your Organization or Affiliation, if applicable]

Sample Phone Call Script: AFA Committee Members and Leadership

Hi, my name is [Your Name] and I’m calling from [Your Town].

I’m urging you to incorporate LD 1643, the bill to create the Maine Life Science Innovation Center, into the budget. This bill passed unanimously out of the Housing and Economic Development Committee and has strong bipartisan support.

This Center is a smart way to grow jobs, bring in federal and private investment, and help Maine become a leader in life sciences, a sector that can support rural communities, expand healthcare innovation, and boost our natural resource industries.

The Governor proposed \$3 million to support life sciences in the budget. Please support that funding and the language of LD 1643 in the budget. Thank you.

Sample Phone Call Script: Your Hometown Rep and Senator

Hi, this is [Your Name] from [Your Town]. I'm calling to ask if you'll support funding for LD 1643, the Life Science Innovation Center.

It passed unanimously out of committee and has strong support across the state. This is about creating good jobs, attracting investment, and helping more young people stay and build their futures here in Maine.

The Governor proposed a funding initiative in her budget proposal to support this work, and LD 1643 provides the structure for how that funding would be used.

Could you speak with members of Appropriations and leadership to help make sure it's included in the final budget?

Thanks so much — I really appreciate your support.