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John Ackerly  
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Dear John:

I am pleased to congratulate you and the Alliance for Green Heat for coordinating the Wood Stove Decathlon. Wood and pellets are an important source of renewable energy for my constituents with approximately 100,000 relying on wood stoves as a heating source in the winter.

The Wood Stove Decathlon highlights the importance of combining technology with creativity. The advances of the Decathlon finalists will make wood burning stoves more affordable and better for the environment. It is my hope that this event that help develop the next-generation wood stoves providing Mainers with a cleaner, more efficient, and cost effective alternative to conventional heating.

As energy costs continue to rise, it is important that we constantly reexamine all forms of energy for improvements. I applaud your work to do just that with wood and pellets. Congratulations again, as I look forward to hearing about the success of the Wood Stove Decathlon and future innovations.

With warmest regards,

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Member of Congress

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