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The Honorable Edward Markey
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Markey,

I am writing to request your **support for S.1392, *the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act***, sponsored by Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Rob Portman (R-OH). This bipartisan bill will greatly increase energy efficiency in homes, businesses and industry by removing existing market barriers to the adoption of efficiency technology. This bill would save businesses and consumers money, create jobs, increase our energy independence, and decrease the harmful emissions associated with energy production.

I would also like to request your **support for S.717, *the Non-profit Energy Efficiency Act***, sponsored by Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Senator John Hoeven (R-ND), which will be proposed as an **amendment to S. 1392**. This bill would establish a pilot program to award grants to non-profit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting their buildings with energy efficient improvements. These grants would be available to schools, houses of worship, hospitals and other nonprofit facilities to undertake energy efficiency improvements. Organizations such as these are often unable to afford the high up-front costs associated with updating energy boilers and retrofitting buildings with modern water and energy efficiency upgrades.

Mass Audubon supports measures that increase energy conservation and efficiency and is leading by example to reduce the threat of climate change by reducing our energy usage and demonstrating the use of renewable technologies. Since 2003 we have reduced our carbon emissions by more than 40 % and in the process educated over 110,000 Mass Audubon members about the benefits of adopting energy efficiency measures.

Thank you for your attention and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

John J. Clarke
Director