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King Announces Support for Michaud for Governor

WASHINGTON D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME) released the following statement in response to today's announcement by Eliot Cutler with regard to his campaign for governor:

"Eliot Cutler is a fine man who would make a good governor of our state. He is a friend who I believe would be a true consensus builder, ready to put solutions ahead of politics. My feelings about Eliot on these matters have not changed since I endorsed his candidacy four years ago and again this past August.

"But, like Eliot, I too am a realist. After many months considering the issues and getting to know the candidates, it is clear that the voters of Maine are not prepared to elect Eliot in 2014.

"The good news is that we still have a chance to elect a governor who will represent the majority of Maine people: my friend and colleague, Mike Michaud. And today, I'd like to offer him my support.

"I have worked with Mike Michaud for twenty years and know that he has what it takes to be Maine's next Governor. He has lived the American dream -- going from the mill floor in Millinocket to the halls of Congress -- and he knows in his heart that everyone, willing to work for it, deserves a chance to get ahead. Mike believes in protecting our environment and finding new ways to grow Maine's economy and, as I have seen first-hand, is absolutely tenacious in defending Maine's interests.

"This was not an easy decision, but I think the circumstances require that those of us who have supported Eliot look realistically at the options before us at this critical moment in Maine history.

"In the end, I believe that what drives us to the polls should be hope – not fear; what calls us to participate in the political dialogue should be optimism – not cynicism; and what informs our decision to vote for the Governor of Maine should be the belief in a system of government where every vote counts."