

Dear Sen. Rotundo and Rep. Sachs,

The Maine Climate Corps is a great opportunity for Mainers. It's not a huge outlay, compared to many other line items on the state budget, but the rewards are many: creation of jobs to attract and keep young Mainers, encouraging the growth of the fossil-free economy, and of course, helping to turn the tide against climate change.

With smoke from out of control wildfires darkening the skies in states all around us, even causing air quality warnings here in Maine, the climate crisis is indisputably here. But we can meet this darkness with hope, in programs like the Climate Corps. AmeriCorps is a proven, well established program nationwide and in Maine. The Climate Corps will extend this successful model to meet this greatest challenge of our time.

Thank you for your service, and for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,
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