Corey Lane Porter LD 226

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members,

My name is Corey Lane of Porter, Maine and I write to you in support of LD 226 "An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport by Extending Conservation Easement Protections".

Personally, I am not against an offshore wind research array if it is done in a responsible manner. We should be protecting Sears Island due to the countless beneficial resources that it has to offer the people of Maine, not destroying the intact unique habitat of the Island when there is a much more appropriate location available. The Mack Point terminal, which, as you likely know, is less than 1/2 mile across the water and it is a much more suitable area if that type of development needs to be built in Penobscot Bay.

While it is disappointing that the environmental lobby did not do a better job of protecting Sears Island in the past, it is not too late to do so with the passing of LD 226. Safeguarding Sears Island with a conservation easement at this time will offer countless benefits for everyone.

Please be part of preserving Sears Island with a conservation easement and vote yes on LD 226.

Sincerely, Corey Lane Porter, Maine