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Dear committee members,

Thank you for your time as you consider supporting the expansion of conservation easements on Sear's Island.

As an 8th generation Swan's Island native and fisherman I recognize the true importance of protecting our coastal islands for future generations.

While many would agree with my statement, there are those who quickly abandon this view if they are not personally committed to conservation or somehow negatively impacted by the industrialization of fragile coastal ecosystems.

Considering the location of Sear's Island (at the mouth of the Penobscot River) and the potential of industrial development to negatively impact longstanding conservation efforts up and down the bay, I encourage you to be on the side of caution and extend the conservation easements. Thank you.