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This discussion and final decision are not about a waterfall in Camden, It's about money and the current state of the economy.

If the State of Maine has money in reserve that would fund these dam removals this is not the time to spend that money. Keep it in that reserve account until the economy settles down and then you can see if it's reasonable to apply that money to dams. That way, if there should be an emergency that the State has to financially address, we can be more confident that we will meet the tax payer's needs

Just look backward to the major bridge accident in Baltimore. I'm sure they went to the federal government for funds but if that accident happened today, would those funds be there or would there be a delay in getting repairs completed? Who knows.

I feel your responsibility in this decision should be based on economic stability, what's in the best interest of the citizens of all Maine, not just those towns that have rivers, and for all of you to look at this as if it were your own personal savings account. Waiting two years won't hurt or change anything, moving forward could be financially painful.

Thank you for taking time to read this.