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My family members and I are long-time summer residents (and property owners) on Swans Island ME since the 1960's. All these years to date, the ferry boat has been docked overnight at the Island, and has provided continual ease-of-mind that in an emergency, we have a link to mainland services. This came to light one day in the late 1990's when my mother developed a heart episode that required immediate medical attention and hospitalization. Mom was taken by ferry over to Bass Harbor, and then by ambulance to Bar Harbor Hospital for treatment. I sincerely believe the fact that the ferry was available for her emergency transport, contributed immensely to her survival at the hospital. Some day, having inherited many of my Mom's physical attributes, it may be my turn to need such an emergency trip. I ask that you pass this legislation so that ferry boats will continue to be docked at remote islands, such as Swans Island, long into the future. Thank you.