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LD 1870

I am writing to urge the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to pass LD 1870. The Federal Emergency Management Agency program — Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, ( BRIC ) , was suddenly terminated in early April by the Trump administration. Much of the funding for the BRIC program came from the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law. The BRIC funding was intended to to reduce the impacts of natural disasters such as the December, 2023 storms that resulted in severe coastal and inland flooding resulting in more than \$90 million dollars in damage.

It is time to make the fossil fuel companies that have contributed significantly to climate change pay for damages they have caused. The revenue received will be used to protect Maine people and businesses from the devastating effects of climate change.

As reported in the Maine Monitor, a 2024 study from insurance company Allstate and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce found that communities save \$13 in disaster damages, cleanup costs and economic losses for every \$1 spent on climate resilience measures. Considering the loss of BRIC funding of climate resilience projects, it is time to make polluters help Maine people by funding these critical projects. Please vote 'Ought to Pass' on LD 1870.