

**Support from Allen Kratz, Principal, Resilience Works, LLC for
An Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program
to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters -- L.D. 1870**

I write to support L.D. 1870, An Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters.

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Together, we have secured funding to

- a. restore a tidal marsh and protect its underlying aquifer,
- b. improve tidal stream habitat by elevating a municipal road,
- c. reduce wildfire risk through intermunicipal planning,
- d. transition homes and businesses to greater energy efficiency and
- e. initiate a road-elevation project that will protect a storm evacuation route for 140 households from coastal storm-surge and astronomical high-tide flooding.

Those projects as well as other projects that communities have identified as critical for protecting public health, safety and wellbeing require an expenditure of funds that exceeds the capacity of our towns' property tax bases.

Because greenhouse gas emissions from the oxidation of coal, oil, natural gas and hydrocarbons have exacerbated climate variability, the 132d Maine Legislature will do well to establish the proposed Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program within the Department of Environmental Protection.

Our towns will benefit from the recovery of the costs of carbon oxidation and from the ability to use those funds for climate change adaptation projects in the State,

Thank you for consideration of this support for L.D. 1870.

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