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LD 2212

Re: LD 1312

Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support the proposal to provide additional funding for the Land for Maine's Future. This program has been incredibly important in protecting the natural environment of Maine, in providing recreational opportunities for both Mainers and visitors and in aiding our economy by attracting tourists from all over who come here to enjoy the incredible beauty of Maine and who spend money, of course, while they're here. Since its creation, this program has provided significant benefits in every county of the State, but unfortunately the well has now run dry. It's out of funds to preserve and protect additional land, so it's time to replenish the well. When funded, investments by LMF can frequently be leveraged to attract additional financial support, thereby reducing the total cost to taxpayers for many important land purchases and easement protections. Supporting the Land for Maine's Future is an incredible investment that will provide benefits not only for us, but for future generations as well. Please support this funding request. It's important.

Thank you.

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