Robert Foley 57 Shady Lane Wells , ME 04090

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Dear Bob,

I am writing in support of your proposal to allow coastal home owners to raise their seawalls by 2 feet . This will allow greater protection for hundreds of coastal property owners in Maine who have experienced great damages from recent severe storms .

Our house at 257 Island Beach Rd, Wells, was built in the 1950s by my Great Uncle Charles Harold Abbott, who was a retired sea captain out of Portland Maine. Our house has been a family gathering place for many generations for more than 70 years.

Recent severe storms have caused significant damage to our house , requiring very expensive repair work to be done . We have done all that we can to fortify and protect the house itself with the reconstruction .

Better and taller seawalls would be very helpful in mitigating the damage of these increasingly frequent coastal storms for all coastal residents and property owners .

Good luck with your proposal and thanks for your efforts to protect our homes .

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