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Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust

In favor of LD 440

Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, formed by the coming together of Damariscotta River Association and Pemaquid Watershed Association is a land trust serving much of Lincoln County, with 1,600 member households.

We are fortunate to hold a conservation easement on the land of the Frances Perkins Center because of its exceptional natural, cultural and historical values. Of the 60 conservation easements we hold, this homestead is one of the treasures.

On behalf of our board, staff, and members, I would like to encourage a vote in favor of this bill and the support and funding that would come with it. The local interest in the project is evidenced by substantial private support, and community pride for this place and what it meant in the story of a trailblazer can't be overstated.

It's an investment in history, but it's also in our local economy, and in pride of place. Thus, a vote in favor of this bill is also a vote for our region's future. Thank you for considering supporting this important bill for an important landmark.