

April 12, 2021

Re: LD 946

I am the Vice President of SOS Saco Bay, Inc., vice chairman of the City of Saco Shoreline Commission and coastal resident. For four decades the history of the Saco Bay shoreline, Camp Ellis in particular, has been marked by disaster and government dysfunction. Furthermore, for the past 16 years State Government, other than our local representatives and relevant departments, has turned a cold shoulder and left the local towns to fend for themselves. One of the state's most precious natural resources is washing away, almost gone.

This is an opportunity for the State of Maine to stand up and support a motion to save this shoreline. The ask is minimal. Any commitment is contingent on an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers. If the proper review is done the cost will be well defined and any expenditure can be avoided. Without some sort of man-made remediation for a man-made problem, the total of 38 homes lost will grow. The loss to local economies, and exponentially the state economy, will put additional strain on area residents. Unless somebody steps up to make an agreement happen to get the Army Corp to reverse the destructive trend it started, all hope is lost.

Along with local and federal support, we need the State of Maine. We need the State to stand up and do the right thing. Support LD 946 and show us you really care.

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