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GREAT DIAMOND ISLAND

Dear Senator Stacy Brenner, Representative Ralph Tucker, and the Distinguished Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

For over the past twenty years my home has been in the Cove on Great Diamond Island. In the greater scheme of things twenty years is not a long time, however it has been long enough to witness the consequences of sea level rise. I have volunteered for The Friends of Casco Bay both as a member and a Water Reporter which has made me more acutely aware of the impact of Sea Level Rise. From the storms and erosion this is a major concern for all island communities up and down the Maine coast not just Casco Bay. The rise impacts not only the economic consequences but also changes the all ecosystems and the habitats in the coastal plain. This is a major concern and we cannot afford to wait. LD 1572 will enable us to help our communities become more resilient now.

Your consideration AND action are imperative and I thank you,