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RE: LD 1572 – *Resolve, To Analyze the Impact of Sea Level Rise*

Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Stacey Keefer, I am writing today in my capacity as Director for the Maine Marine Trades Association.

MMTA is in support of LD 1572, a resolve to coordinate appropriate agencies to submit recommendations regarding estimated sea level rise in Maine. So much effort went into the *Maine Won't Wait* report from the Climate Council, it is reasonable for agencies to take the next steps to get more specific suggestions for implementing an action plan. Our water-dependent businesses such as marinas and boatyards are aware of the time and cost associated with maintaining coastal infrastructure. We understand that the cost to prepare for coastal storms is oftentimes high but can be less than the cost to repair or rebuild. Both private and public coastal infrastructure is important economically for our state and deserves thoughtful attention, planning, and assistance. Our organization is ready to assist in the resolve process if needed and urge the Committee to pass LD 1572.

Respectfully,
Stacey Keefer
Maine Marine Trades Association, Executive Director