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

I am writing in full support of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee vote that LD 1572: Resolve, To Analyze the Impact of Sea Level Rise.

The coast of Maine is jeopardized by a number of factors. Warmer water temperatures, stronger storms, weakened defenses, are all contributing to massive erosion. Camp Ellis Beach in Saco has been losing sand at an alarming rate and 38 homes have been claimed by the sea over the last 40 years.

The forecast is grim. Dunes have been destroyed and unless something is done this type of devastation will continue. Maine's coast is a unique natural resource that is the backbone of the tourist industry. It should be preserved at all cost. Ramifications of inaction are already being felt. To be anything less than fully proactive is a mistake that cannot afford to be made.

Please recommend this legislation be moved to a vote by the House and Senate.

Thank you
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