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

I have two purposes in writing. First, I am writing to ask that the Environment and Natural Resources Committee vote that LD 1572: Resolve, To Analyze the Impact of Sea Level Rise, ought to pass because seas are rising and time is precious. You've seen and heard all of the arguments in other testimony, so I will omit them here. LD 1572 will enable us to make our communities resilient now before the worst impacts of sea level rise affect our coast.

I also write to thank Senators Ralph Tucker and Rick Bennett for sponsoring a resolution that would put a federal price on carbon. We must not only develop our resilience to sea level rise, but also mitigate it. A national price on carbon is the most efficient and effective way to do that because it's economy-wide.

As an En-Roads presenter and former resident of Peaks Island for nine years who saw the infrastructure close up, I can attest to the danger our coastal communities face if we don't do both.

Sincerely,