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Swan Island Project, INC. 501 (C) (3) Tax Exempt Public Charity IRS, EIN 01-0529719

State of Maine Nonprofit Corporation Charter Number: 20000300ND

The Swan Island Project was incorporated in the 1997-1998 school year. Our mission: to transport Richmond Middle School and Richmond High School students and teachers to Swan Island on our 30 foot pontoon boat purchased through a grant from the Island Foundation. Over several years, hundreds of students and teachers were able to visit Swan Island for outdoor experiences in Science, Math, Social Studies, Art and PE. Each trip utilizing the state owned and maintained pier.

I am writing in support of LD 976 to re-establish accessibility to the island and to repair the pier. Access to the island will benefit the town of Richmond and local stores, gas stations, and restaurants.

I look forward to a positive outcome of the Public hearing.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Wing

Treasurer, Swan Island Project