

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

December 2, 2020

Mr. Rickey "R.D." James  
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street NW  
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear Mr. James:

We write today regarding the letter of support the City of Saco recently sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on their desire to enter into a Project Partnership Agreement to address the ongoing beach erosion at Camp Ellis, located in the City of Saco, Maine. We write to share our support for the ongoing work and look forward to hearing about next steps for this project.

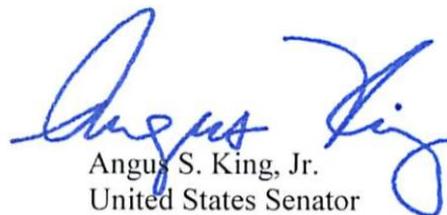
We were encouraged by the letter of support from the City of Saco, which was backed by the full City Council and the City's newly elected Mayor Bill Doyle. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been working with the City of Saco to find a solution to address this continued erosion through the Section 111 of the 1968 River and Harbor Act, which provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to develop and construct projects for prevention or mitigation of damages caused by Federal navigation work. To date, 38 homes have been lost due to erosion, along with dunes, a railroad, and four streets. This continuing loss of property prompted the City of Saco to request Federal assistance to mitigate further shoreline impacts.

Thank you for your ongoing work to address this continued erosion, and we appreciate your willingness to work with the City of Saco to find a solution.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



Angus S. King, Jr.  
United States Senator



Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress