

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 19, 2018

Ms. Christine Frost
Program Director
Northern Border Regional Commission
53 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Frost:

We are writing in support of the application submitted by the Town of Madison, Maine, in conjunction with the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG), to the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Economic and Infrastructure Development Grant Program. The town seeks to build a waste-to-energy processing facility on the former Madison Paper mill site.

The Town of Madison has undertaken community and economic development efforts following the closure of its paper mill in 2014 that resulted in significant job losses. The town has worked with KVCOG on such initiatives in order to attract investment to the area and create much-needed jobs. To that end, the two entities are developing the former mill site into a commercial business incubator housing startup companies with a focus on environmentally friendly practices.

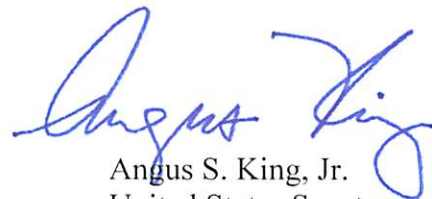
If funded, the town would be able to make initial infrastructure investments in the mill building by constructing a facility for waste water treatment and energy conversion to provide power for the entire site. This project would not only position the former mill as a "green" facility, but would also contribute to larger revitalization efforts in the Town of Madison that align with NBRC's goals. We believe that this investment in infrastructure would spur development and job creation in the area, providing a significant boost to the local economy and improving Madison's sustainability as a community.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of the Town of Madison. We request NBRC's careful consideration of this application, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please notify Katie Seelen (Collins) at (202) 224-2523 and Adam Lachman (King) at (202) 224-5344 when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator