

Maine Businesses in Support of a New National Park and National Recreation Area

To Maine's Congressional Delegation:

We, the undersigned Maine business men and women, are contacting you to express our support for creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area in the Katahdin Region, as proposed by Elliotsville Plantation, Inc. (EPI). We urge you to support this project, which has been carefully developed with input from local residents and business owners.

We are fortunate to live in a state like Maine with its wonderful natural resources that are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Acadia National Park is one of Maine's great destinations, drawing millions of people annually to the area's spectacular coast and unique geology. In a similar fashion, we believe a new National Park and National Recreation Area near Katahdin could be an exciting destination that introduces visitors to Maine's inland forests, rivers, wildlife, and mountains, and the communities and businesses nearby.

Economic studies show that a new National Park and National Recreation Area located east of Baxter State Park could provide more than 450 direct and indirect jobs. These studies show that rural locations across the U.S. that currently have a National Park or National Recreation Area have experienced stronger economic growth over the past forty years than the U.S. as a whole. Thus, EPI's proposal to donate the land and create a \$40 million endowment for operating costs, could be very beneficial for towns and businesses in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties, in particular.

Filmmaker Ken Burns has described our national park system as "America's best idea." People are drawn to America's national parks because they provide exceptional opportunities to experience our natural world in an accessible way. EPI's proposal includes both a National Park component, with all the features that people have come to know and expect in a National Park, and also a National Recreation Area where snowmobiling and hunting also would be allowed. The result would be a powerful combination of recreation opportunities that would attract visitors year-round. To us, this seems like a great idea for the region and the state as a whole.

For these reasons, we hope you also will support EPI's proposal for a new National Park and National Recreation Area on up to 150,000 acres east of Baxter State Park.

Sincerely,

86 This!, Ellsworth
Jeffery Kelly-Lokocz

A Straight Stitch, Brewer
Jeff Norton

Acme Pizza & Wing Co., Orono
Steven Kilmurran

Allspeed Cyclery, Portland
Mike Davies

Androscoggin Wooden Boatworks,
Wayne, Chris Cushman

Aqua Pura, Bangor
Bernadette Gaspar

Attitudes Salon, Bangor
Ann Lucas

Attitudes Salon, Waterville
Naomi Flourde

Bagel Central, Bangor
Sonya Eldridge

Bam Bam Bakery, Portland
Bevin McNulty

Bangor Wine and Cheese Co.,
Bangor, Christine Mihan

Bar Harbor Bicycle Shop,
Bar Harbor, Albert Minutolo

Berry's Stationary, Waterville
Michael Givone

Between Friends, Inc., Brewer
Tracy Marceron

Big J's Pizza, Bangor
Jolena Glidden

Bike, Board & Ski, Presque Isle
Thomas Chase Jr.

Black Point Surf Shop, Scarborough,
Crystal Ouimette

Blue Heron, LLC, Bangor
Chelsea Brown

Body Graphics Tattoo Studio,
Brewer, Sydney Winship

Bread of Life Bulk Foods,
Presque Isle, Cheryle Matowitz

Bumpy Road Studio, Eddington
Rosalita Feero

Busytown Bikes, Lewiston
Francois Jalbert

Cara Romano Studio Jewlery,
Ellsworth, Cara Romano

Celtic Moon Rising, Brewer
Lorie Garnett

Charlotte Lorrianes Consignment,
Bangor, Betty McCarty

Cherry Stones Restaurant, Bar
Harbor, Meghan Bishop

Children's Book Cellar, Waterville
Ellen Richmond

Chocolatte, Bar Harbor
Christopher Marcial

Choppin' Cotton Quilts, Bangor
Barbara Ewing

Cigar & Smoke Shoppe, Bangor
Frank Coglitore

Corner Store, Bangor
Barbara Cyr

**Cottage Street Restaurant and
Bakery**, Bar Harbor, Richard Fisher

Country North Gifts, Houlton
Shannon Cibic

Cyclemania, Portland
Eddie Quinn

Diane Country Craft & Gift Shop,
Old Town, Diane Richard

Dick's Barber Shop, Orono
Deidra Fournier

Downeast Coins & Collectibles,
Bangor, Dixie Barone

Downtown Smoothie, Waterville
Mark Cunningham

Dream Dress Bridal, Brewer
Holli Owsley

Dreamcatcher Antiques, Ellsworth
Thomas Sawyer

Echo Salon, Bar Harbor
Jefferson De Lima

Eclipse Gallery, Bar Harbor
Ruddy C.

Eden Rising, Bar Harbor
Delia Cyanic

Epic Sports, Bangor
Brad Ryder

Everex (Edge Video), Bangor
Sadie Flood

Evergreen Pottery, Bar Harbor
H. Scott Stevens

Fago Electric, Brewer
Robert Fago Jr.

Fetch Grooming, Brewer
Sherri Therrien

Fin Back Ale House, Bar Harbor
Evelina Kacprzykowska

Finn's Irish Pub, Ellsworth
Lorena Sterns

Frank's Bake Shop, Bangor
Bernadette Gaspar

Fringe, Orono
Emily Herlihy

Generations Boutique, Brewer
Roxanne Noddin

Gorham Bike & Ski, Portland
Jamie Wright

Grasshopper Shop of Ellsworth,
Ellsworth, Linda Beauvais

Hair After, Orono
Phoebe Trask

Hair Designs, Bangor
Dawn Godin

Hand Me Down Antiques,
Presque Isle, Eva Kirk

Harraseeket Inn, Freeport
Rodney Gray

Harvest Moon Deli, Orono
Meg Philippon

Heads Up, Presque Isle
Tish Tuttle

House of Brides, Bangor
Jill Hunter-Smith

Ichiban, Bangor
Ruai Luie

Ipanema Bar & Grill, Bangor
Megan Marquis

Island Falls Canoe, Atkinson
Jerry Stelmok

J + B Atlantic Co., Ellsworth
Aziza Daigle

Jason's Pizza, Brewer
Sandra Olmstead

Jean's Serendipity, Houlton
Richard Slout

Knapps Music, Bangor
Daniel Meck

Larsen's Jewelry, Waterville
Mark Larsen

Lebreeze Delivery Service,
Old Town, Timothy Richard

Lee Auto Mall, Topsham
Adam Lee

Lougee & Fredrick's, Inc., Bangor
Linda Murphy

Loyal Biscuit Co., Waterville
Chelsie Herrin

Madlyn's, Waterville
Melissa Holmwood

Main St. Barber and Beauty, Brewer
Coleen Patterson

Maine Discovery Museum, Bangor
Niles Parker

Maine Made And More, Waterville
Emilos Zirtidis

Maine State Sea Kayak,
Southwest Harbor, Robert Aho

**Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference
Center,** Hallowell, Scott Cowger

Mark's Music, Brewer
Mark Braremon

Massimo's, Bangor
Steven Beaulieu

Merchants on the Corner,
Presque Isle, Chantel Graves

Metropolitan Soul, Bangor
Tracy Monaghan

Mexicali Blues, Bangor
Pete Erskine

Mini Music & Tack Shop,
New Limerick, Cheryl Tarly

Modern Beauty Salon, Houlton
Linda Pilsbury

Mojo Outdoor Sports, Presque Isle
Mark Fullen

Morning Star Art & Framing,
Presque Isle, Brian Brissette

Morton's Moo, Ellsworth
Kirsten Henry

National Park Sea Kayak Tours,
Bar Harbor, Robert Aho

Nocturnem Draft Haus, Bangor
Bryan Young

Nomads, Portland
Kelly Fernald

Northeast Reprographics, Bangor
Benjamin Metzger

Oasis Salon, Presque Isle
Jean Brawn

Old Creamery Antique Shop,
Ellsworth, Timmy Torrey

One Lupin Fiber Arts, Bangor
Jodi Clayton

Orono Pharmacy, Orono
Ali Aghamousa

Orono Thriftway, Orono
Khan Mohmand

Orvis Freeport Outlet, Freeport
Aly Fox

Patkus Guitars, Waterville
Dennis Patkus

Pat's Bike Shop, Brewer
Scott Seymore

Peekytoe Provisions, Bar Harbor
Drew Smith

Personal Hair Styles, Waterville
Beverly Kelly

Pet Pro, Bangor
Alex Young

Pine State Trading Co., Gardiner
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Queen Anne's Flowershop,
Bar Harbor, Maureen McGuire

R & C In Home Care, East
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Raegamuffins Bakery, Veazie
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Rainbow Bicycles, Lewiston
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Rebecca's Gift Shop, Bangor
John Spellman

Reboot Computer Services, Brewer
Gerald Jenkins

re-Imagined, Houlton
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Remedy Salon + Sap, Waterville
Kelly Paquette

Richard Parks Furniture, Ellsworth
Aaron Piacentini

Riverside Cafe, Ellsworth
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Roy's Bike Shop, Lewiston
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SALT, Bar Harbor
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Sand Castle, Ellsworth
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Second to None, Ellsworth
Lass King

Seven Arts, Ellsworth
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Short Fuse Fireworks, LLC,
Old Town, Ronald Farwell

Siam Orchid, Bar Harbor
Hatsana Hanthan

Sign of the Sun, Waterville
James Egerton

Silver Street Tavern, Waterville
Andrea Shorty

Star City Cafe & Bistro, Presque Isle
Dwayne Singletary

State Wide Distributers, Inc.,
Bangor, Michael Rodrigues

Super Star Nails, Bangor
Jimmy Pham

Syncopation Software, Bangor
Chris Dalton

Tangled Web, Southwest Harbor
Leslie Jones

Tesoro Pizzeria & Restaurant,
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Thai Siam, Bangor
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The Cellar, Ellsworth
Aaron Porter

The Courtyard Cafe, Houlton
Joyce Transue

The Family Dog, Orono
Robert Cutler

The Growing Place, Bangor
Sara Rice

The Growing Place (2nd location),
Bangor, Serena Cruz

The Independent Cafe, Bar Harbor
Tim Rich

The Rock & Art Shop, Bangor
Annette Dodd

The Roost, Orono
Jim Coleman

The Ruhlin Corporation, Bangor
Chris Ruhlin

The Sewall House, Island Falls
Donna Davidge

The Tackle Shop, Portland
Dana Eastman

Thirsty Whale Tavern, Bar Harbor
Heather Surokan

Threads to Beads, Presque Isle
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Toad and Co., Freeport
Ponch Membreno

Uncle Willy's Candy Shoppe,
Houlton, Matt Sutton

Union River Book and Toy Co.,
Ellsworth, Michael Curtis

University Inn, Orono
Tracey Whitten

Valentine Footwear, Bangor
Summer Allen

Verve, Bangor
Tabitha Johnson

Verve, Orono
Ara Foster

Virtual Tech, Houlton
Doug Boreland

Volumes Book Store, Houlton
Gerry Berthette

Washing Baby Elephants, Ellsworth
Wendy Preston-Ward

What's the Scoop? Cafe, Bangor
Melissa Howard

Wilder's Jewelry, Presque Isle
Cathy Beaulieu

Zen Asian Bistro, Bangor
Chinda Rustanavibul