

Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce
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Senator Susan Collins	Senator Angus King	Rep. Bruce Poliquin
413 Senate Office Building	359 Senate Office Building	426 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510	Washington, DC 20510	Washington, DC 20515

January 27, 2015

Dear Senator Collins, Senator King, and Representative Poliquin,

On behalf of the Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed new national park and national recreation area being proposed by Lucas St. Clair of Elliottsville Plantation, Inc.

We believe that a new national park and national recreation area would provide a welcome economic boost to our community. We would welcome both the visitors who would come to visit the park and the new year round residents that a new national park and national recreation area would attract to this region.

We have watched as the Katahdin region has suffered due to the most recent mill bankruptcy. We believe there is no reason to wait on this idea, but rather, we encourage you to move forward quickly to take advantage of the generous offer of land and the accompanying \$40 million endowment. This project would create a nationally and internationally notable attraction in northern Maine that will be to the benefit of us all.

Thank you for your service to the people of northern Maine.

Sincerely,

Jane Torres, Director
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