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Friends of Baxter State Park is a 501(c)(3) organization working to preserve, support and enhance the wilderness character of Baxter State Park in the spirit of its founder, Percival P. Baxter

October 18, 2011

Secretary Ken Salazar
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Baxter State Park, an independent citizen group working to preserve, support, and enhance the wilderness character of Baxter State Park in the spirit of its founder, Governor Percival Baxter. Information about our organization and the many projects and activities of its 700+ members is available on the web at friendsofbaxter.org

Our Board of Directors has unanimously voted to support a feasibility study for a National Park as proposed by Roxanne Quimby; and on July 11, we sent letters to our congressional delegation in support of that feasibility study.

While there is still much work to be done in outlining details of how a national park might benefit the citizens of the United States in general and of Maine in particular, we believe there are potentially strong benefits for the country, the region and for Baxter State Park. This proposal has the potential to preserve much of this beautiful ecosystem in its natural state and enhance educational opportunities while creating a powerful engine for economic development in this economically challenged region.

We urge you to move forward with a feasibility study for this proposed park.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like more information about our support of this national park feasibility study.

Sincerely,

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