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Mr. Galen D. Todd  
President  
Coastal Mountains Land Trust  
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Dear Galen,

I recently heard that Coastal Mountains Land Trust has received accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. I wanted to pass on my congratulations and thank you for what your land trust is doing in your community.

Let me first acknowledge the important work land trusts do for our state. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful place, and even luckier to have so many land trusts to keep it that way. Thanks to these organizations, communities can protect their special places, landowners can leave a legacy, and parents can connect their children to nature. As a resident of nearby North Haven, I truly appreciate the work Coastal Mountains Land Trust has done to protect the character of our Midcoast communities.

Your work is important, but by no means easy. Raising private donations is always difficult, especially in an economy like this. And even when you successfully purchase a property or secure an easement, the work to manage and keep that land protected forever has only just begun.

With these realities, it's important that land trusts use best practices to ensure the sustainability of their organizations. I am glad you have done this by going through the very rigorous accreditation process. It speaks to the strength of your ongoing commitment to serving our communities and future generations.

If there's any way my office can be helpful to your organization in the future, please don't hesitate to contact my Portland office at (207) 774-5019.

Best wishes and congratulations,

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress