



MAINE EASTERN RAILROAD

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New England Steam Corporation
c/o Mr. Richard Glueck
78 Back Winterport Rd.
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The Maine Eastern Railroad would like to express its support for New England Steam Corporation's mission of restoring former Maine Central locomotive #470 to operation in the state of Maine. The #470 is an important part of Maine's transportation heritage, and its restoration offers an exclusive opportunity to celebrate that heritage.

The Maine Eastern Railroad looks forward to the future possibility of having #470 operate on our railroad. Having a Maine Central steam locomotive operating in regularly scheduled passenger service on a Maine Central rail line at mainline speeds and stored in a Maine Central roundhouse would be an exciting and uniquely historic way to present the locomotive to the people of Maine. Such an operation has the potential to draw tourists, railfans, and historians from across the country, bringing an economic benefit to the communities located on our line as well as the state of Maine as a whole.

New England Steam Corporation's preservation and restoration of Maine Central #470 is fully supported by the Maine Eastern Railroad. The long-term benefits of this project will continue to enrich the state of Maine both historically and economically for decades to come, and the #470's successful restoration as the "Mascot of Maine" can usher in a new era of steam railroading in the northeast.

Sincerely,

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