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Miss Suzanne Clune
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Mechanic Falls, Maine 04256

Dear Suzanne:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the pollution of the Androscoggin River. It was very thoughtful of you to enclose a picture of a log jam. Please accept my apology for the delay in my reply. The volume of mail which my office receives makes it impossible for me to respond as promptly as I would like.

I have long been concerned over the pollution of the Androscoggin River and I have tried to persuade the state legislature for many years to strengthen Maine laws to control air and water pollution. In addition, I have written to the Maine Environmental Improvement Commission for a report on the effort to cleanup the Androscoggin. The Environmental Improvement Commission was created during my term as governor and the first state laws to control water pollution were enacted at that time. Maine, as most states, depends on the federal government for the financial assistance for the construction of waste facilities to control water pollution. Unfortunately, the appropriations needed for this great task have not been forthcoming, but I assure you that I will continue my efforts to increase the amount of money spent to assist states in constructing the facilities.

Thank you for taking time to write and share your concern with me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Edmund S. Muskie
United States Senator

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