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RE: LD 367 - An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation

Esteemed members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Brian Raymond, Senior Area Manager for Dirigo Materials. Dirigo Materials is an aggregate producer which operates throughout the State of Maine. I am writing this letter today in support of LD 367.

As part of Eurovia Atlantic Coast, Dirigo Materials supplies aggregates and recycled materials to both our own company and others in the industry to build infrastructure in Maine and to support our local communities. We offer solid, well-paying jobs more than 350 Union and non-Union employees throughout many of the rural areas of the State of Maine. Much of the work we do is in support of the Maine DOT.

The production of aggregates relies heavily on large investments in specialized equipment to produce the quality and quantity of materials needed. These investments require solid business plans that can demonstrate a return into the future. Our industry also relies on a dedicated, skilled and talented workforce who in turn count on us to provide them with safe and stable employment to support their families. Neither of these can be accomplished without reliable and consistent funding to the Maine DOT. LD 367 will allow the Maine DOT to leverage additional Federal funds and in turn do the needed repairs to Maine's infrastructure that will benefit all stakeholders including our employees.

All the hard-working people of Maine deserve safe roads to travel on each day. We take pride in the hard work we do to that end and the infrastructure we maintain and build in our local communities. We strongly support the passing LD 367 to support Maine's infrastructure and the many employees like our own throughout the state who rely on this funding in their daily lives.

Sincerely,

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