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LD 1020

Dear Legislators,

I am thrilled that the Maine Turnpike Authority has pulled their support to construct the Gorham Connector. I believe this project would have displaced too many homes by eminent domain, run through Maine's beloved Smiling Hill Farm, and negatively impacted a local trout stream. Although this feels like a win, I am concerned that the MTA may be 'strategically pausing' the project until the opposition dies down, then will attempt to resurrect the project and restart their efforts to build the Connector.

I strongly encourage the legislature to support LD 1020 in order to permanently take away the MTA's authority to build the Gorham Connector in the future. My hope is that the MTA will be required to return or divest of the land that was acquired or 'optioned' along the planned highway route.

Please support LD 1020 and put this project to rest once and for all..!

Thank you,

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