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Testimony of Holly Houston
In Support of LD 1020, An Act Repealing the Laws for the Gorham Connector

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:

My name is Holly Houston, I'm a resident of Yarmouth, and I am writing on my own behalf. I am writing today in support of LD2020.

For the past few years I have been working with a group of friends who are similarly interested in finding ways to live more intelligently on our planet. We have read books, listened to podcasts, and had deep discussions. The Gorham connector just doesn't make sense.

*It would cut through a generations-old and community-loved dairy farm.

*It would certainly harm fish and many other species' habitat in its path.

*It would not look first at other, more fuel-efficient, cost-saving, and earth-friendly solutions to moving people between spaces and instead create larger man-made corridors that would never be returned to nature.

The MTA is looking at what appears to be the easiest solution while ignoring the wishes of towns, Scarborough and Westbrook, which would be the most impacted by the corridor. Please put this proposed corridor to rest by voting "Ought to Pass" on LD2020. Thank you.