

132 Maine Legislature

March 27, 2025

Committee on Transportation

Dear Committee Members;

My name is Janet White. I am the chairman of the board of Selectmen from the town of New Portland.

On the outcome of our recently held town meeting, on March 1 of this year. Where the citizens of New Portland at our annual town meeting, overwhelmingly defeat the right of way for ATVs to ride on our town roads. I am here to ask you not to pass LD 557.

The town of New Portland is still recovering from the flood of May 2023. Our forty-one miles of dirt roads are just starting to get back into shape. We believe that ATV's will cost us more in road repairs, then we spend now. The citizens of New Portland do not want damage to our dirt roads nor do we want the noise that comes with ATV use. We urge you to not pass LD 557.

Please keep local control, local control. We own these roads and we pay for repairs, please do not saddle us with more financial burden.

Thank you for your time.

Selectmen of New Portland Maine

Janet White Chair

Ray Poulin

Dave Veilleux