

Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee on State and Local Government:

My name is Brent Davis, and I live in Bowdoin Maine. I live on 73 Ledge Hill Road that from my understanding from my town is a discontinued town road. I am writing in support of L.D. 1513 as amended, to form a permanent Commission to work on the problems of abandoned and discontinued roads. These roads affect residents throughout the State of Maine, and the issues are complex, requiring more study than is possible during a single legislative session.

I also support Maine ROADWays proposed amendment. I agree that the Commission should include a RESIDENT ON such a road under Members D(5), and in Duties (A), not just a Maine resident who owns property on such a road. Landowners have representation through Members D(3).

We have lived on this road since 2009 and have been the primary maintenance providers on the road with little to no help from other landowners on road. The town also owns a large parcel of land on road and will not help with any road maintenance either. But we cannot close the road off as private road because the land is for everyone's use. We have asked town for assistance and have been told NO if they help us then they need to help other roads as well. From my understanding from the town is that this road is a discontinued town road and was part of the old Queen Ann's Highway. I pay the same taxes that everyone else does in my community and have no town services on my road. There needs to be support for many more like me on discontinued roads in the state of Maine.

I ask you to vote this important legislation "ought to pass."

Thank you.

Brent J Davis