

Steven and Priscilla Karlgren
Carthage
LD 1513

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

Our names are Steven and Priscilla Karlgren, and we live in Carthage, ME. We live and own property on Smith Road and we live on the section of it that we believe has been discontinued. 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).

In our situation, the first half mile of the road is serviced by the Town of Carthage. There is a mile from there to our property line that has 5 camps and a maple sugaring shack, and is also used by the public. This part of Smith Road is not serviced by the town and we have been exclusively maintaining the road. We pay full taxes to the town, yet don't receive any road maintenance.

Sincerely,
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