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

My name is Patrick Macomber and I live in West Hartford, CT. I own about 3.5 acres on Old Long Cove Road in Bristol, ME (map 003-002-1). It's a discontinued 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).

I worked with an attorney several years ago and believe I have a Right of Way to my lot from the western end of Old Long Cove Road from RT 32. I and other landowners along Old Long Cove Road are planning to put together a Private Road Association as several of us plan to build a home on our property. There are several benefits to upgrading this road to a 'camp road'. Primarily to increase the tax base for Bristol. Ultimately, I believe the town would like to open the entire road from the New Harbor side through RT 32. This would alleviate the traffic that continues to grow each year on RT 32.

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

Thank you.

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