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New Harbor, ME
LD 1513

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

My name is James Nagle, and I live in Boston, MA. I own property on Old Long Cove Road a discontinued road in New Harbor, ME. 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 am unable to access my land because the road was discontinued by the Town of Bristol in 1911 and a right of way is undetermined. My rights as a taxpayer and landowner have been ignored and the State of Maine has done little to clarify the issues I am facing and provide any relief in the way of legislation which could protect my rights and allow me access to my land. There are 12 other landowners who also do not have access to their land - we need help. Maine RoadWays has been invaluable in providing our group of landowners on Old Long Cove Road advice and information in an effort to help us gain a right of way and access to our land. We agree with Maine RoadWays that landowners, who own land on abandoned or discontinued need the legislature to establish a commission and include members who are landowners, in order to provide us a voice on the commission.

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