

From: Jason & Jennifer Remillard
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Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee on State and Local Government:

My name is Jason Remillard, and along with my wife Jennifer, we currently own and live (year-round), on a discontinued road, Monument Rd, in Amity Maine.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate my 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.

Additionally, we absolutely support Maine ROADWays proposed amendment, 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).

My wife and I purchased our property in 2019 with the intent of living on the property year-round. We did so knowing that the property was on an unmaintained section of Monument Rd. Furthermore, we also understood the challenges of living, year-round on said unmaintained road.

The challenges we face are similar to those that all Mainers who live on unmaintained and/or discontinued roads face. We understand the issues, appreciate improvements, and are prepared to have productive conversation on what could, should, or needs to happen on our roads. In contrast, the general public (to include landowners who do not live on their property on unmaintained and discontinued roads), does not. In most cases the general public is only provided with a snapshot of the issues on these roads and unfortunately those snap shots do not always tell a thorough story. This is why we support the amendment proposed by Maine ROADways.

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

Thank you,
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