



# Town of Harpswell

P.O. Box 39

Harpswell, ME 04079

May 22, 2023

Re: LD 527, *An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits.*

Dear Senator Chipman, Representative Williams and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:

On behalf of the Harpswell Select Board, I am writing to urge this committee to support LD 527 *An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Bicycle and Pedestrian Zones with Reduced Speed Limits.*

We have a situation in Harpswell where the Board would like to reduce a speed limit along a well-traveled local road known as Basin Point Road. A reduction from 35 MPH to 30 MPH would enable us to create a much safer roadway for users of the road, especially for bikers and walkers in designated zones.

The Town would like authorization to create these zones and lower speed limits within these zone without having to seek Maine DOT approval. The DOT process can take upwards of a year with an uncertain outcome.

Please support giving local municipalities the authority to lower speed limits under these limited conditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin E. Johnson".

Kevin E. Johnson, Chair  
Harpswell Select Board