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To: Maine Legislature, Transportation joint committee

From: Chalmers “Chop” Hardenbergh, former editor *Atlantic Northeast Rails & Ports*

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LD 243 - Resolve, to Name a Railroad Crossing in Wiscasset the James Weldon Johnson Crossing

Dear members of the Transportation Committee:

I support LD 243.

James Weldon Johnson tragically died at this crossing. However, it does give Maine a direct connection to a major figure in American history.

/s/ Chalmers Hardenbergh

Common abbreviations: BCLR - Bay Colony RR, BML - Belfast & Moosehead Lake RR, CBNS - Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Ry, CCCR - Cape Cod Central RR, CCRR - Claremont Concord RR, CMAQ - congestion-mitigation or air quality (money from the US federal government for these purposes), CMQ - Central Maine & Quebec Ry, CN - Canadian National Ry, CNZR - Central New England RR, ConnDOT - Connecticut Department of Transportation, CP - Canadian Pacific Ry, CSO - Connecticut Southern RR, CSRX - Conway Scenic RR, CSXT - CSX Transportation (railroad), EMRY - see NBSR, FHWA - Federal Highway Admin., FRA - Federal Rail Admin., FRTC - Fore River Transportation Co., FTA - Federal Transit Admin., GU - Grafton & Upton RR, GWI - Genesee & Wyoming Inc, HRRR - Housatonic RR, MassDOT - Massachusetts Department of Transportation, MBCR - Mass. Bay Commuter RR, MBRX - Milford-Bennington RR, MBTA - Mass. Bay Transportation Authority, MC - Massachusetts Coastal RR, MCER - Mass. Central RR, MDOT - Maine Department of Transportation, MERR - Maine Eastern RR, MMA - Montréal, Maine and Atlantic Ry, MNRY - see NBSR, MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization, MTQ - Québec Ministry of Transport, NAUG - Naugatuck RR, NBDOT - New Brunswick Department of Transportation, NBSR - New Brunswick Southern Ry, parent of MNRC, Maine Northern Railway and EMRY, Eastern Maine Railway, NECR - New England Central RR, NEGS - New England Southern RR, NHCR - New Hampshire Central RR, NHDOT - NH Department of Transportation, NHN - New Hampshire Northcoast RR, NNEPRA - Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority, NS - Norfolk Southern Ry, NSDOT - Nova Scotia Department of Transportation, NYA - New York & Atlantic Ry, NYNJ - New York New Jersey Railroad (PANYNJ subsidiary, former Cross-Harbor), PAR - Pan Am Railways - parent of Maine Central RR, Portland Terminal RR, Boston & Maine, all leased by ST - Springfield Terminal Ry, PANYNJ - Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, PAS - Pan Am Southern Railway, joint venture of Pan Am and Norfolk Southern, PVRR - Pioneer Valley RR, PW - Providence & Worcester RR, QCR - Quebec Central Ry, RIDOT - Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Seaview-Seaview Transportation Company, SLQ - St. Lawrence & Atlantic Ry (Québec), SLR - St. Lawrence & Atlantic RR, ST - see PAR, TIRR - Turner's Island LLC, TEU - twenty-foot equivalent unit (measure of container traffic, equal to a 20x8x8 foot box), VAOT - Vermont Agency of Transportation, VRS - Vermont Rail System (Green Mt. RR Company GMRC + Vermont Ry VTR + Clarendon&Pittsford RR CLP + Washington County RR WACR), WHRC - Windsor and Hantsport Ry.
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