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I am a Gorham Town Councilor, and speak on behalf of myself and the many that have expressed concern about LD 1020. Senator Brenner has sponsored an item that will cripple any future potential for Gorham to be connected to the Turnpike. Furthermore, Gorham being one of the largest undeveloped towns remaining in Cumberland county, will choke from its own development in the years to come if this passes. 2,000 housing units have been appreciate by the town for development in the last year, which were centered around a turnpike spur coming online in the future. The spectacle of anti-MDOT misinformation has reduced the clear benefits of the connector to boondoggle status, with many dismissing the direct ambulatory benefit for those in need to Maine med. I employ this committee to turn away Sen Brenners efforts, as Gorham originally asked for this connector, and has changed many of our ordinances to support denser development and cooperation with metro and others. I will end with the connector route can be moved or adjusted, and Gorham shouldn't be placed in economic distress due to poor legislation.