

Testimony Support LD 1020

I, Kimberly A. Moody, resident of Pownal Maine, submit my testimony in support of LD 1020 Legislation officially revoking the MTA's authorization to construct a Gorham toll highway as currently proposed. This bill is necessary to ensure that the MTA cannot continue its destructive and misguided proposal. Although this proposal has been officially rejected by the towns directly impacted by the turnpike bypass proposal, the MTA currently would still be able to work behind the scenes to forward this totally unacceptable plan. We need this bill, LD 1020, to remove any possibility that the MTA could continue destroying vital community and privately owned properties in pursuit of an already firmly rejected proposal. More importantly, this bill would open the door to reasonable and safe alternatives to the traffic problem.

This bill is critically important to allow the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) and our local transportation planning organization (PACTS) to lead a collaborative and viable plan that would be cost effective and environmentally sound. What we need is a plan that will address the twice-a-day 4 minute rush hour bottleneck at the junction of Rte 22 and Rte 114, using currently proven low-impact, cost effective designs. This bill opens desirable future possibilities by preventing the continued promotion of the MTA's misguided plan which is environmentally harmful and devastating to local communities, not to mention it is an enormous waste of money.

By removing the MTA's authority and restoring property that was wrongly bought to build the proposed exorbitant and hugely damaging turnpike extension, the traffic problem can be safely and reasonably resolved.

Please support LD 1020 and revoke the MTA's authorization to construct the Gorham toll highway as currently proposed. Please vote in favor of LD 1020. Thank you for opening the door to a feasible collaborative solution to start now.

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