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Committee Members,

Please accept this letter of opposition to LD 1020. This is a bad idea for the town of Gorham and state of Maine in General. Not only does this set precedence for the State of Maine to start land banks for no reason other than not supporting a certain project but also sets back years of work both from the state and municipality it impacts. I served 4 years on the Town of Gorham planning board as well as six years on the Gorham Town council in those six years on the council industrial land was purchased with the promise of a turnpike spur from the MTA. Since the news broke of the loss of the spur all sales have withdrawn, and this park sits vacant, affecting all the taxpayers. While I believe this bill started with good intentions, but it is bad for the people it is impacting. Give the MDOT time to look at the studies and come up with a plan; if the plan doesn't make sense, then pass this bill. But time needs to be given for the process. Let the experts on traffic flow and road construction do their job before jumping to rash decisions. In closing the council of the municipality this impacts i.e. Gorham should be able to weigh in on whether they believe the DOT looking at this is a viable option before passing legislation to kill it. Please reject or table this bill until further information is presented.

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