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LD 1020

I am writing to express my **STRONG SUPPORT** for LD 1020. Here are my reasons:

- **Valuable Natural Resources:** There's no route that would cut through Smiling Hill Farms. My family and I have been going to Smiling Hill Farms and fishing in the brook nearby. I believe these experiences have contributed to my son's passions for farming and fishing. He will be attending Farm Camp for the fourth summer in a row and he is already preparing for the upcoming fishing season.
- **Business Owner Concerns:** As a business owner I believe that Maine's natural resources go hand in hand with the strength of our tourism industry. The survival of my business relies on tourism. If we allow Southern Maine to be turned into another state full of highways and chain stores we will lose what makes us appealing in so many ways.
- **MTA's Own Studies:** The MTA's own studies predict a tiny difference in commute times. In addition, when the law was passed the MTA predicted an increase in traffic that hasn't happened. They have claimed that they are stepping away from the project but they can't be trusted. They have continued to be deceitful. They've hit their own polls and the rising projected costs.
- **The People Don't Want It:** Westbrook and Scarborough will be greatly affected by the project and they don't want it.