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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation -

My name is Louise Secordel and I live in North Scarborough close to the proposed plans for the Gorham Connector.

I support LD 1020 because I believe there are smarter solutions to our local traffic. The MTA's own studies estimated little commute savings with the proposed Connector, and research across the country shows how highway expansions often do not reduce congestion. The proposed Connector would also disrupt Smiling Hill Farm, a community treasure. In these times, we should be supporting our farmers, not taking land away from them. There are other faster, more affordable and sustainable solutions for improving local traffic flow, including roundabouts, new traffic lights, and realigned lanes.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective. I urge you to vote "Out to Pass" on LD 1020 so that we can move on to new solutions with more local input and support.