

October 29, 2010

Wiscasset, ME 04578

**RE: Wiscasset Route 1 Bypass**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Earlier this year, the Maine Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) and the Army Corps of Engineers finalized the location of the proposed Wiscasset Route 1 Bypass (the “Bypass”). Based on our review of the route map, it appears that your lot may be affected by the chosen route. If the final placement of the Bypass crosses your property, under the law of eminent domain, MDOT has the right to take your property.

Historically, MDOT’s “takings” have been long and drawn out affairs that have left landowners in a state of limbo for many years. During this time, the affected property may be worthless on the market. In an effort to reduce the time in which MDOT adequately compensates a landowner for his or her property, last winter my firm was intimately involved with the passage of L.D. 767, a State law that provides a landowner with certain rights in situations such as yours. This law may offer you some benefit in pursuing negotiations with MDOT regarding timely compensation for your property. Unfortunately, there are some time constraints surrounding when a landowner affected by the Bypass may exercise his or her rights under L.D. 767, so I encourage you to consider your situation soon.

If you have an interest in discussing these issues further, please feel free to contact me at (207) 791-3286 to arrange a meeting where we can further discuss the law and assess your options. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,



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