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Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:06 AM

Subject: Congratulations on your nomination as MaineDOT Commissioner and Wiscasset Traffic Congestion

Dear David,

Congratulations on your nomination as Commissioner of the Maine Dept. of Transportation. We wish you success in improving the transportation systems of Maine at a reasonable cost.

R.O.A.D. (for Route One Alternative Decisions) is an organization that seeks to improve the traffic flow through Wiscasset through means other than an expensive and destructive bypass. Our website is www.wiscasset-road.org. You may have already seen our several letters to Commissioner Cole and Gerry Audibert which present the alternative, "ICR" ("Improve the Current Route.") As the primary source of the congestion is pedestrians in downtown Wiscasset. R.O.A.D. proposes using a traffic control officer, and a pedestrian bridge or tunnel to minimize the interference by pedestrians with Route 1 traffic. We have proposed other measures to reduce the interference with Route 1 by vehicles turning, crossing and parking.

Given all the other demands on MaineDOT resources over the coming years, and given your record of efficient spending, we hope that you will agree to explore and implement "ICR" before proposing state and Federal funding for a \$100 million, 4-mile long bypass, to fix a 100 yard problem.

At your earliest convenience, after your confirmation, can we meet with you to discuss this matter further?

Very sincerely,

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