



*Maine State Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333*

July 18, 2012

Peter Mills
Maine Turnpike Authority
2360 Congress St.
Portland, ME 04102

Dear Director Mills,

We write to you today to offer our unanimous support for the Auburn and Lewiston City Councils' joint resolve calling on the board of the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) to delay their proposed toll increases.

While we understand there may be a valid need to increase toll revenue to cover operating expenses we believe that any toll increases must be fairly distributed among the turnpike's many users. The toll increases which have so far been proposed do not do this and instead unfairly target the residents of Western Maine for a disproportionate increase.

Because of this we are joining with the Auburn and Lewiston City Councils in calling on the MTA to delay these increases until a more equitable plan can be developed. A plan which ensures that all who use the turnpike pay their fair share will help increase public confidence in the MTA, help families who are struggling during these tough economic times, and ensure the finances of the Authority moving forward.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Margaret Craven

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Sen. Lois Snowe-Mello

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