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The Honorable Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary of Transportation,

I am writing to express my full support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) recent application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the Bridge Investment Program (BIP). MaineDOT is seeking \$30 million in funding to repair, rehabilitate, or replace nine off-system bridges across central Maine.


These bridges are crucial to the residents of rural communities, serving as essential connections to critical services. Located in the Maine counties of Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, and Somerset, these bridges connect historically disadvantaged populations and regions affected by persistent poverty.

Many of these bridges have significantly deteriorated, with their structural integrity continuing to decline. The requested funding will allow MaineDOT to address this growing issue and bring these bridges closer to a state of good repair. The project is essential to prevent further infrastructure decline and ensure the safety of these vital transportation links.

I applaud MaineDOT's efforts to address these pressing infrastructure needs. These bridges are indispensable to the daily lives of Maine's rural residents, and I respectfully urge you to approve the requested funding. This investment will help maintain safe and reliable access to critical services and resources for these communities.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me or MaineDOT Commissioner Bruce Van Note with any questions your department might have.

Sincerely,



Janet T. Mills
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