



December 30, 2024

To whom it may concern,

MaineHealth Mid Coast Hospital strongly supports the Maine Department of Transportation and Town of Brunswick RAISE grant application.

MaineHealth Mid Coast Hospital is one of Brunswick's largest employers, providing care to patients from Brunswick and over twenty other rural communities across our region. The proposed improvements to Brunswick's downtown infrastructure and major thoroughfares would have a significant local and regional impact that will benefit our staff and patients.

Regionally, the proposed projects will benefit patients and staff travelling to and from Brunswick daily to access Mid Coast Hospital's 93-bed, not-for-profit hospital, Emergency Department, Walk-In Clinic, and outpatient offices that are spread throughout Brunswick and neighboring communities. We appreciate the proposed projects that will improve the safety of several busy intersections and thoroughfares connecting the many communities Brunswick serves.

Locally, the proposed projects will improve mobility and safety for non-drivers, making it easier and safer for people to walk or roll for transportation or recreation. This improved infrastructure, in collaboration with education and support provided by community health partners, will lead to environmental and health benefits and improved access to services located in downtown Brunswick, including safety net services such as a day shelter, emergency housing, soup kitchen, food bank, free health clinics, general assistance office and the Brunswick Transportation Center.

The RAISE grant proposal relies on strong partnerships and collaborations that epitomizes the MaineHealth vision of *"Working together so our communities are the healthiest in America."* The resulting connectivity and improved safety will have a significant local and regional impact, and we strongly support the vision and proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher T. Bowe, M.D.".

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