

October 4, 2017

David Bernhardt, PE, Commissioner Maine Department of Transportation 16 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0016

Dear Mr. Bernhardt,

I am writing to you regarding the I-395 to Route 9 connection.

Our company has a satellite office in Bangor and on average make weekly trips to the paper mill in Baileyville. Much of our services are on an emergency basis, requiring our crews to travel all hours and weather. This connection will provide a safer and shorter route than we are currently taking.

I support the efforts of the DOT in their efforts to make this connection. I am hopeful that the project will begin soon, providing a safer and more economical route.

Sincerely,

Michael Cust

Michael Cust Northern New England Sales Rep.