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

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## Dear Commissioner Bernhardt:

On behalf of the International Grand Investment Corporation, the parent to Woodland Pulp LLC and St. Croix Tissue, Inc. I want to take this opportunity to express our support for the I-395 & Route 9 Connector project.

As you know, we in Baileyville rely a great deal on Route 9 for goods and services to support our operations. In our business, we work tirelessly to advance workplace safety, gain manufacturing efficiencies and reduce our operating cost.

From what we know and understand of the project, we believe this connector will contribute significantly to transportation safety and efficiency. This key infrastructure project will save both time and money to our businesses.

We are encouraged with the progress that you and your department have achieved to date and look forward to the connector being constructed as soon as possible. I am,

Sincerely, States

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Vice President, East Operations

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