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Mr. Stephen Landry  
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Re: *Letter of Partnership for ATTAIN Grant Request for Brunswick Route 1 Congestion Management, Weather Information and Data Sharing*

Dear Stephen:

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program to provide data to roadway users for congestion issues along Route 1 in the Brunswick area. This type of information would prove valuable to area residents as well as our suppliers and employees that travel amongst our facilities in Bath and Brunswick.

The U.S. Route 1 and Bath Road corridors are vital economic arteries within the region and the state. General Dynamics Bath Iron Works Corporation (BIW) employs more than 6,600 people and generated more than \$8.4 billion in total economic activity from 2017-2021. The main shipyard located in Bath is the largest single-site manufacturing location in Maine, constructing surface combatants for the U.S. Navy. Brunswick is the work location for more than 1500 employees at BIW's Engineering and Design offices, steel fabrication manufacturing facilities as well as the Training Academy. Steel arrives at the Brunswick fabrication site by rail where it is cut and shaped before being trucked to Bath. More than 2000 employees live in Cumberland and Androscoggin Counties and travel to and from work on the Route 1 corridor. Ensuring these transportation routes remain safe and efficient is critical for our region's economy.

Bath Iron Works is pleased to have the opportunity to work with MaineDOT to provide access to the Travel Safely phone app or other connected vehicle technology to allow our employees access to this important information. Bath Iron Works also see value to have access to multiple pan/tilt/zoom cameras along the Route 1 corridor to aid residents, suppliers and our employees in ascertaining travel conditions before making business and personal decisions on how and when they will travel or transport materials. We believe it is important for people to know about congestion and weather-related issues before they schedule their travel. Technology that would provide real time relevant data while on route would be welcomed by the Bath Iron Works community.

Bath Iron Works believes strongly receiving this data will ensure our neighbors, business partners and employees have the most up to date information to make driving decisions, delivery plans and route selection. Investing in modern technology such as what is proposed in this grant application, aligns with the

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goal of creating a smarter and more efficient transportation network. It reflects a pro-active approach to addressing current and future challenges.

In closing, Bath Iron Works supports MaineDOT's application for the ATTAIN grant and choosing to partner with our firm to provide this much needed information. We believe this is a worthwhile investment and we hope MaineDOT is awarded this grant. Bath Iron Works looks forward to working with MaineDOT on this project.

Sincerely,



Jon A. Fitzgerald

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