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

Via email to becky.pushard@maine.gov

Dear Commissioner Bernhardt:

I am writing to express our Company's support for Woodland Pulp LLC/St. Croix Tissue to be included in the grant application to the Maine DOT seeking to secure federal funding to connect I-395 to Route 9.

We believe the 2B-2 Connector makes great sense economically for our region, as well as for safety and environmental reasons. The impact studies that have been conducted support these benefits. Our employees and vendors travel this route on a regular basis, as do common carriers we engage to deliver our products Downeast. We anticipate a very favorable impact by using the Connector.

This vital corridor will be an improved critical path to our continuing to conduct commerce in the Downeast Region – with Woodland Pulp/S. Croix Tissue and other important customers - and we urge your support of seeking funding approval at both the state and federal levels for the project.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

Sincerely,

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