



RECOMMENDED BY FUTURE GENERATIONS.

October 5, 2017

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



Dear Mr. Bernhardt,

Jasper Wyman & Son fully supports the proposed connector between I-395 and Route 9. We have facilities in Deblois, ME on the north end of Route 193 and Wesley, ME which are generally accessed via Route 9. The alternative routes to reach our facilities would be:

- I-395 to Route 1A, following 1A to Ellsworth, then continue on 1A into Cherryfield to Route 193
- I-395 to Route 1A, Route 46 to Route 9

The Connector will be the most direct and non-congested route for Wyman's inbound and outbound freight traffic, streamlining traffic flow while improving safety for freight drivers and other motorists.

Freight traffic on Route 46 has increased significantly and will continue to grow in number with time and development of the various freight industries. The Connector will mitigate any negative impact of this anticipated freight traffic increase on Wyman's distribution.

Studies show that freight trucks will realize a reduction of approximately 262,000 in vehicle miles traveled and a \$247,000 in annual savings. Studies also show that freight drivers will save nearly 16,000 hours of driving per year. With the anticipated mandatory E-Log program this is crucial to our operations.

With the Connector, Jasper Wyman & Son would decrease wear-and-tear on trucks, substantially reduce fuel consumption, increasing efficiency and productivity overall, thus ensuring Wyman's of Maine will lead the blueberry industry for years to come.

Sincerely,

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