

Town of Perry

P.O. Box 430, Perry, Maine 04667

August 12, 2009

Commissioner David Cole
Maine Department of Transportation
16 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0016

Re: Eastport Freight Rail Restoration Project

Dear Commissioner Cole;

Please be advised that the Selectmen of the Town of Perry are in full support of the development of the Port of Eastport freight rail service with the trans load facility to be located in the Town of Perry.

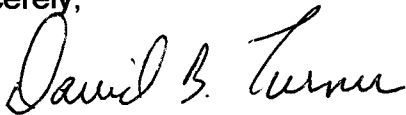
As the deepest natural port (requiring no dredging) in the continental US, the Port of Eastport offers hope for our region to compete with other larger ports on the eastern seaboard in these times of heightened environmental awareness. Investment in existing infrastructure link to this port is certain to be a positive move for the county and the State of Maine.

We believe the preferred location of the trans load facility in Perry will have minimal impact on the environment, residents of Perry and traffic flow in the area.

There are very few projects proposed for Washington County that will create employment, increase the tax base and provide a future for residents to stay in eastern Maine.

We, the selectmen, appreciate your interest and endorsement of this project.

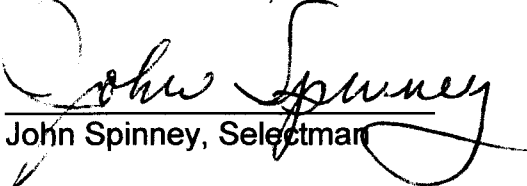
Sincerely,



David B. Turner, Selectman



H. Richard Adams, Selectman



John Spinney, Selectman

c.c. State and Federal delegates