

Washington County

**One**  
Community

Committed to improving  
the quality of life for  
Washington County citizens

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Maine Department of Transportation  
16 Commissioner David Cole  
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Reference: Eastport Gateway project

Dear Commissioner Cole:

Washington County: One Community is a grassroots organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all the residents of the county. As such, there is enthusiastic support for the Eastport Gateway Project from the organization.

Sustainable economic viability has always been a challenge for Washington County. The geographic obstacles of distance and time have not been known to inspire a great deal of investment; proponents in Eastport have devised a long-range strategy that addresses those obstacles.

The Eastport Gateway Project, seeking to build upon existing facilities and provide new possibilities, has the potential to provide lasting economic growth and stability to the region. Coupling the deepwater port with an intermodal facility will re-direct the movement of goods and services to the entire country. And make no mistake, the project would be regional in its positive impact on the 33,000 who live in Washington County and national in its ability to create more efficient shipping procedures.

Washington County: One Community seeks to support proposals that will have far-reaching impact on the County. The Eastport Gateway Project has all the earmarks of being a positive move towards economic stability and viability.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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**Washington County: One Community** is established as a community-based coalition serving Washington County. Its purpose is to improve the quality of life for Washington County citizens – from infants to elders. The coalition has adopted shared visions that respect cultural and community differences, encourage broad citizen engagement, and support public health, community development and a viable economic infrastructure.

