



Susan Collins

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Mr. Neal W. Allen
Executive Director
Greater Portland Council of Governments
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Dear Friends,

Congratulations on the State of Maine's purchase of the Mountain Division Right-of-Way between South Windham and Westbrook.

The completed rail connection, linking Greater Portland and Fryeburg, would be of great benefit to the entire region. In addition to reducing the traffic congestion and carbon emissions caused by automobiles, the railway will serve to foster local business growth and development while strengthening the economic ties between Coastal and Western Maine.

Again, congratulations, and thank you for your efforts in support of this exciting project!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan".

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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