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The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Administrator
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Administrator Carnahan:

I write to express my concerns regarding the General Services Administration's (GSA) plan to potentially close the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Land Port of Entry (LPOE) in Limestone, Maine, during the construction phase of the proposed modernization project. I strongly urge you to consider whether there are alternatives to a complete closure of this LPOE during construction.

I recognize the need to modernize the Limestone LPOE, which would improve operational efficiency and security, benefitting CBP personnel and commercial and non-commercial vehicle traffic. I have significant concerns, however, that closing this LPOE for the duration of construction would adversely affect Limestone and the surrounding communities. This LPOE serves as an essential connection for Limestone's economy, and it is used regularly by American and Canadian citizens alike. Many residents cross at the Limestone LPOE to travel to and from work each day, and others use this route to receive medical care and visit family members, places of worship, and businesses on the other side of the border. Thus, closure of this LPOE would create serious difficulties for Limestone's residents and risks harm to the local economy.

I request that you take every possible measure to take into consideration the public comments provided by residents and avoid—or, at a minimum, limit to the greatest extent possible—any closure of the Limestone LPOE. Please give all due consideration to the concerns submitted by members of the community, and do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact [REDACTED]

Thank you for your attention to this request and for your recent visit to Northern Maine.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator