

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 8, 2016

Mr. Mark Scarano  
Federal Co-Chair  
Northern Border Regional Commission  
53 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. Scarano:

We write in support of the application submitted by the City of Auburn, Maine, to the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Economic and Infrastructure Development Program. The City proposes to make improvements to the economic district by advancing phase one of the New Auburn Riverway and Greenway Redevelopment Plan to create a new village center in Auburn.

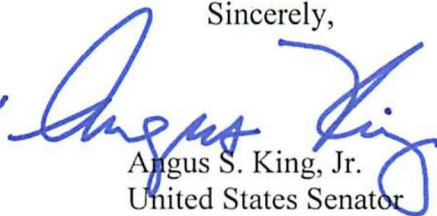
The City of Auburn is working to enhance economic development in the area by creating new retail and housing development opportunities. If funded, the City's project would help establish a public greenway system that ties into the larger regional trail system for downtown Lewiston and Auburn, and create new pedestrian-friendly access to help support farmers' markets and cultural events. With NBRC's support, in phase one of the plan, the City is looking to complete a larger, more unified public parking area, add new workable building pad areas outside of the 100-year floodplain, create the beginning of the new Riverway, and help support ancillary improvements to Broad Street for better sidewalks, bike lanes, and traffic patterns.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of the City of Auburn. We request the NBRC's careful consideration of this application, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please notify [REDACTED] when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



Angus S. King, Jr.  
United States Senator



Bruce Poliquin  
Member of Congress