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Dear Friend,

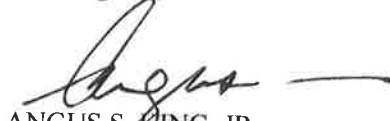
Recently, concerned constituents asked that I provide my opinion on the proposed East-West Corridor project. I am skeptical about the project, particularly in connection with its environmental impacts when compared to potential benefits to Maine. While there is no specific proposal on the table – or any request for federal involvement – I remain unconvinced of the project's merits.

Public policy discussions regarding the East-West Corridor have occurred almost entirely at the state level. During the last legislative session in Maine, the legislature passed LD 985, which is a law that lifts an obligation on the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) to facilitate a feasibility study for the East-West Corridor. Now that the law has taken effect, the Maine DOT is no longer engaged in studying the project or materially supporting it.

Likewise, the federal government has no involvement with the proposal at the present time. As your Senator, I will remain informed of discussions at the federal level regarding such a plan, and especially so if those discussions focus on winning federal support for the project. Due to the fact that there is currently no federal involvement in the project, however, and because the project remains largely undefined, I have not taken a final policy position on the idea. If or when it becomes a federal issue, I will certainly be in touch with individuals in Maine who have expressed concern about the project and develop a full understanding of its costs and potential benefits.

Thank you for soliciting my opinion on the corridor idea. If I can be of service to you in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,



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