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Good morning Commissioner Rodrigue,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed municipal fueling facility outlined in the attached letter from the Select Board Chairs of Rye, North Hampton, and Greenland.

As the State Representative for Rye, North Hampton, and Greenland, I was pleased to learn of this initiative when Rye's Select Board brought it to my attention last month. Since then, the three towns have worked collaboratively to develop a thoughtful regional proposal that would benefit all three communities. I commend their efforts to identify a shared solution to meet their municipal fueling needs.

I would appreciate your consideration of this proposal and the opportunity for town officials to discuss it with the appropriate personnel at the Department of Transportation. I would be happy to help facilitate those conversations and work with all parties to identify a path forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your guidance on next steps and hope we can work together to advance this regional initiative.

Best regards,
Peggy Balboni

Peggy Balboni
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House Education Policy and Administration Committee

Matt Scruton

From: Rodrigue, David <David.M.Rodrigue@dot.nh.gov>
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Subject: Re: Joint Municipal Request for State and Municipal Fueling Facility Letter

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Hi Matt

Thank you for your request. We will evaluates and respond.

Dave

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Dear Commissioner Rodrigue,

On behalf of the Towns of Rye, North Hampton, and Greenland, please find attached a joint letter requesting NHDOT's consideration of a shared small-scale state and municipal fueling facility at the existing North Hampton/Rye Patrol Shed on Route 1.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further.

Thanks,

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October 15, 2026

Commissioner David M. Rodrigue
New Hampshire Department of Transportation
7 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302

RE: Joint Municipal Request for State and Municipal Fueling Facility – North Hampton/Rye Patrol Shed

Dear Commissioner Rodrigue:

On behalf of the Towns of North Hampton, Greenland, and Rye we respectfully request that the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) consider constructing a small-scale fueling facility at the existing North Hampton/Rye Patrol Shed (Shed 610), located at 360 Lafayette Road (Route 1) in Rye, New Hampshire, for use by both state and municipal vehicles.

The State currently maintains fueling facilities in Newington and Hampton; however, an additional location at the North Hampton/Rye Patrol Shed would strengthen the existing regional fueling network. Strategically situated along Route 1 near the Rye/North Hampton town line and within convenient reach of Greenland via Breakfast Hill Road, the proposed facility would be well positioned to serve all three communities. It would also reduce unnecessary travel for vehicles operating in the immediate area and provide greater flexibility, efficiency, and convenience for state and municipal fleets.

We believe a shared fueling facility at this location would offer several important benefits:

- **Improved operational efficiency:** Reduce the time, mileage, and fuel expended by state and municipal vehicles traveling to more distant fueling locations.
- **Regional municipal cooperation:** Provide a shared fueling resource for Rye, North Hampton, Greenland, and other surrounding communities, allowing municipalities and the State to benefit from common infrastructure.
- **Emergency preparedness:** Establish an additional regional fueling resource to support public works, police, fire, and other essential vehicles during storms, emergencies, and other critical operations.
- **Improved state fleet accessibility:** Expand NHDOT's existing fueling network and provide greater convenience and flexibility for state vehicles operating throughout the Seacoast.
- **Efficient use of existing infrastructure:** Utilize an established state maintenance facility as a potential location for additional fueling infrastructure.

The proposed location along Route 1, near the Rye/North Hampton town line, is strategically positioned to serve the surrounding communities, with direct access to Route 1 and proximity to the Route 1A coastal corridor. This location would benefit state and municipal vehicles operating throughout the region, including those providing highway maintenance, public works, and

emergency services. Its location at an existing NHDOT facility also presents an opportunity to expand services at a site already utilized for state highway maintenance operations.

We recognize that construction of a new fueling facility would require an evaluation of site conditions, costs, infrastructure needs, and operational considerations. However, we believe the potential long-term benefits to both the State and the surrounding municipalities warrant serious consideration. A small-scale fueling facility, consisting of as little as one gasoline pump and one diesel pump, with automated access and emergency backup power, would provide a valuable resource for state and municipal vehicles without requiring a large fueling operation.

The Towns of North Hampton, Greenland, and Rye collectively support this proposal and would welcome the opportunity to work with NHDOT to evaluate the feasibility of establishing this additional fueling location as part of the State's existing Fuel Distribution Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for NHDOT's continued service to our communities. We look forward to discussing this opportunity further.

Sincerely,

James Sununu
Chair, Select Board
Town of North Hampton, New Hampshire

Laura Malloy
Chair, Board of Selectmen
Town of Greenland, New Hampshire

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