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Danielle Katz, Director
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C/O Sadie Buckles, Campaign Coordinator, PETA


Dear Ms. Katz,

Commissioner Bernhardt is in receipt of your recent email requesting MaineDOT approval to place a 5-foot-tall tombstone memorial along Route 1 in Brunswick. For the reasons that follow, we must respectfully decline your request.

Route 1 in Brunswick is a Controlled-Access Highway, meaning this section of highway is controlled from development and all forms of signs are prohibited along these corridors. There are various reasons for the prohibition of signs, and in your case a tombstone memorial, within the control-of-access sections, but the main reason is safety. There are several control-of-access sections along Maine routed highways, including the interstate system. Many of these non-interstate control-of-access sections are located within some of Maine's busiest roads. Control-of-access areas may have a very high volume of car and truck traffic as well as a high speed limit that could create a potential hazard to motorists should development and signs be allowed in these sections.

Should you have any questions regarding this denial please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Jim Billings
Chief Counsel