



# State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Governor Christopher Sununu  
Governor of New Hampshire  
Governor's Office / State House  
104 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu,

During your State of the State address to the NH legislature in February you mentioned that you have learned much about our state during the past 12 months. You said that the opportunities when you meet personally with residents of our state to hear their concerns and stories made the biggest impression on you.

Although we are certain that you have previously heard of the situation facing the residents of the Pannaway Manor neighborhood in Portsmouth who are being subjected to ever-increasing noise levels from the Route 95, please allow us to summarize their situation. These residents have been waiting patiently since approx. 1975 for noise mitigation measures that they were entitled to under federal law at the time. However, as you mentioned in your speech, nothing makes a stronger impression than experiencing the situation first-hand.

That is why on behalf of 5 residents of Pannaway Manor we would like to invite you to a kitchen table listening session at the home of Ms. Kim Scott on a date of your convenience. In addition to Ms. Scott, the other residents involved are Mr. Aaron Garganta, President of the Sherburne Neighborhood Association, Mr. William St. Laurent, former City Councilor, Mrs. Donna Garganta and Mr. Tom O'Leary. The neighborhood was built in 1942 to house defense workers for the World War II involvement of the United States. The residents are interested in telling you their stories, in particular how the development and expansion of Route 95 has affected their lives, while at the same time the State of New Hampshire has been recording ever-increasing toll revenues.

After discussing this issue with Executive Councilor Russell Prescott, he expressed the wish to me to also be invited to such a listening session, if he can be accommodated.

We understand that you have a very busy schedule and tight availability but hope that you can find some time to meet with these residents. Most of them have day-jobs, so that an evening or weekend meeting would probably be preferable, however, everyone is willing to be flexible. We would greatly appreciate hearing from your office as soon as possible, so that we can ensure good attendance at such a gathering.

Respectfully,  
Peter Somssich & Laura Pantelakos  
State Representatives / Portsmouth

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Somssich".