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Patrick McQueen
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Dear Mr. McQueen,

It has come to our attention that you are trying to obtain grant money to repair some of the roads in the area.

The roads in Coos County have been in dire need of attention for many years. Two of the major roads leading to Errol are so bad that it has decreased traffic.

Route 26, the major artery to and from Maine and Canada is appalling. The section between Errol and Upton Me, where the state line is, has so many pot holes that it is worse than driving on the local dirt roads. It is bad enough that the Canadians will choose another route to get to Old Orchard or simply not go. Most of their little cars scrape bottom because the holes are so deep.

Route 16 between Berlin and Errol has been very rough for years, usually more so in the winter. Now with the washout we have lost at least 30% of our business. Summer is one of our best seasons. We lost those sales and will not get that money back. We fear what will happen this fall. We have a large amount of hunters that come here both to hunt and to purchase their hunting equipment. If they hear that the road is still closed, they may not come. This will lead to more lost sales for us, the local lodging and restaurants that heavily depend on these seasons.

The Economy is hard enough on our sales; we don't need the state roads to make it worse. If the sales continue to decrease, we will be forced to lay off up to 25% of our employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luc Cote", written over a white background.

Luc Cote