



# **The Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire, Inc.**

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Honorable Governor John Lynch  
Office of the Governor  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Honorable Governor John Lynch,

I am writing to support the extension of the Gordon Darby On Board Diagnostic (OBD) contract for an additional two years. Granting this extension will mean continuing on with an important part of the safety requirements for vehicle inspections. The requirements of this program are written into RSA 266:59-b, and must be maintained in order to remain in compliance with Federal Environmental Protection Agency rules. If New Hampshire does not remain in compliance with Federal regulations, consequences will most likely be imposed. One of these consequences is a potential to lose highway funding.

I have spoken with both Commissioner Burack of the Department of Environmental Services, and Commissioner Barthelmes of the Department of Safety, who have stated that during the extension they will look at all the issues and concerns that are now being expressed over the current statewide emissions testing program. This includes the state's plan to maintain compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAARQS). Not granting the extension now means that New Hampshire will most likely be subjected to the withholding of much needed highway funds for projects like the I-93 expansion.

I hope you will take my comments into consideration when you vote on this matter. I believe it is important to the well being of the state to maintain this program for now, with the Commissioners looking into all of the issues and data regarding this specific program. Please call me at (603) 225-2701 or email at [gabbott@agcnh.org](mailto:gabbott@agcnh.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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