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To Whom It May Concern;

On behalf of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for COAST's application for a federal congestion mitigation air quality (CMAQ) grant of approximately \$370,000 in conjunction with the City of Dover to improve traffic signal optimization at all of the signals COAST travels through within the City.

This project is important to the Chamber, the city and COAST for the following reasons:

- It will increase, by 9 intersections, traffic signal improvements within the City of Dover, and fund any necessary reprogramming of another 10 intersections already equipped with this technology
- It will increase optimization of traffic flow through all of these intersections
- It will allow for emergency vehicles to preempt the signals at these 9 newly enabled intersections
- It will allow for COAST buses to pass through these signals with a low form of prioritization, yet continue to allow for emergency vehicles to preempt all traffic
- It will allow for COAST to better maintain their services on-time and on schedule
- These improvements will reduce congestion and improve air quality.

COAST serves the City of Dover and the Greater Dover business community by providing affordable, convenient and safe public transportation for area employers, employees, customers and visitors. They are committed to playing an important role in supporting the economic vitality of the region through the services they provide.

We hope that you will strongly consider their application and would be happy to discuss our position with you further. You can reach us at 603.742.2218 or via email at [molly@dovernh.org](mailto:molly@dovernh.org)

Sincerely,

Molly Hodgson  
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