



International Dark-Sky Association

"... to preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies"

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Dr. Peter Somssich
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Dear Dr. Somssich:

With great interest, the International Dark Sky Association has reviewed your committee's plans in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to illuminate the new Memorial Bridge between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine.

On behalf of the International Dark Sky Association and its worldwide membership, I want to commend you and your committee and NHDOT for your stated intent to adopt a lighting design that fully respects the need to protect – and to the extent possible, restore – the natural resource of our dark, starry skies.

Your project promises to exemplify the ways in which carefully designed lighting can enhance civic beauty without contributing to light-pollution.

We hope, moreover, that your project will help promote public awareness of the value of dark skies and encourage the city of Portsmouth and neighboring towns to consider simple, energy-conserving ways of reducing light-pollution and protecting our natural nightscape.

Respectfully yours,

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