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Testimony in OPPOSITION to LD 1587
An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt
Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old

My name is James Tassé and I am the Assistant Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM). Our mission is to make Maine better and safer for bicycling and walking. On behalf of our more than 20,000 members and supporters, I am submitting this testimony in OPPOSITION to LD 1587 “An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicles Less than 3 Years Old.”

The BCM believes that repealing any requirement to inspect motor vehicles and make sure that they are safe and road-worthy will make Maine’s public ways less safe for all users, including for walkers, bicycle riders, and drivers. For this reason, the BCM urges an “Ought Not to Pass” report from the committee.

Many used vehicles less than three years of age come to Maine from other states to be re-sold. In some cases, those vehicles have been through floods or other experiences that may compromise their mechanical integrity. They should be inspected before being permitted to use Maine roadways.

Maine’s inspection program ensures that every motor vehicle—new or old— on the state’s roads meets the minimum safe mechanical standards.

For these reasons, the BCM urges the committee to recommend an Ought Not to Pass report for LD 1587.

Thank you for your time and service to the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "James Tassé".

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