



# Maine Forest Products Council

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## Testimony in Support of LD 122

**“An Act to Authorize the Efficiency Maine Trust to Establish a Program to Support the Uptake of Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles by Maine Businesses and to Establish a Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project”**

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Senator Lawrence, Representative Ziegler and members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, please accept this written testimony on behalf of the Maine forest Products Council in support of LD 122, “An Act to Authorize the Efficiency Maine Trust to Establish a Program to Support the Uptake of Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles by Maine Businesses and to Establish a Medium-duty and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project.” The Maine Forest Products Council is an organization representing more than 300 members from all facets of the forest products industry.

The shipment of manufactured forest products from our mills with more efficient trucking systems is important to our industry where customers are increasingly reviewing the carbon footprint of delivered products. Electrifying the logging truck fleet that operates in more remote regions of the state creates technical challenges that will require additional research and development. That said, we are supportive of the pilot project as vehicle to move closer to closing the emissions gap of petroleum combustion engines.

Further, as a member of the Maine Climate Council, I am thankful to Senator Ingwersen for bringing this legislation forward. Strategy A-1 in the *Maine Won't Wait* four-year climate action report is to “Accelerate Maine’s Transition to Electric Vehicles.” LD 122 will help achieve this goal.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

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Baskahegan Co.  
BBC Land, LLC  
Columbia Forest Prod.  
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Southern Maine Forestry  
Stead Timberlands  
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