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LD 1170

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To: Senator Chipman, Representative Williams, and Honorable members of the committee
From: Emily Weyrauch
Re: Testimony in Support of Resolve, to Promote Passenger Rail for Commuters, LD 1170

My name is Emily Weyrauch and I live in Buxton.

I am writing as a concerned citizen to urge you to vote “ought to pass” on LD 1170.

It is clear that in order to fight climate change, we must as a society reduce our dependence on driving alone as a mode of transportation.

However, until we have transportation options that are competitive with driving (in terms of time, convenience, and cost spent), alternative transportation methods will not be accessible, everyday choices for Mainers.

The Maine Won’t Wait Climate Action Plan reports: “Transportation is responsible for 54% of Maine’s annual greenhouse gas emissions. To meet our emissions-reductions goals by 2030 and 2050, our state must pivot to the future by pursuing aggressive transition strategies and innovative solutions within this important sector.”

To reach our climate action goals as a state, we must promote low-carbon transportation solutions such as passenger rail.

As a young person who cares deeply about the future of this state and the wellbeing of people who live here, I urge you to act now to create better transportation access and meet our carbon reduction goals. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Weyrauch