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LD 1170

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To: Senator Chipman, Representative Williams, and Honorable members of the committee

From: Adriana Rogow

Re: Testimony in Support of Resolve, to Promote Passenger Rail for Commuters, LD 1170

My name is Adriana Rogow and I go to Falmouth High School

I am writing as a student and climate activist to urge you to vote “ought to pass” on LD 1170.

This bill matters to me as a student of Falmouth because of the comparatively limited public transportation available in the state of Maine. This bill would help reduce the state's transportation carbon emissions, currently accounting for 54% of our total emissions. It would also provide a desired form of transportation to the people of Maine.

- The bill will lead the way in making passenger rail more accessible and attractive to Maine commuters.

- The bill will increase the opportunity for commuters and employers to use the rail for day-to-day commuting.

- The quality of life for older Mainers and Mainers with disabilities who may be unable to drive is increased with the availability of public transit systems such as the passenger rail.

- As young people, we will bear the costs of legislative inaction. If the legislature does not act now, the people of the younger generation are going to be left to deal with the more severe damage that climate change will cause. We encourage you to reduce carbon emissions through this rail system.

I hope you take these points into consideration when making the decision on this bill. It matters a great deal to me and others I know and would be one step the state of Maine can take to show that it is doing its part to combat climate change.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adriana Rogow