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I would like to express my support for LD1559 and the specific requests as part of it to move our public transportation capabilities forward. As Executive Director of the Biddeford & Saco Chamber of Commerce, I see first-hand the many challenges that local residents have in gaining meaningful employment, and the ongoing challenge that our local employers face in trying to grow their workforce. A core employment barrier is the ability to commute regularly and cost effectively to places of employment. For Maine to achieve not only our employment goals but also our critical climate change reduction goals, more robust public transportation options and in particular options that help employers gainfully employ more people will be crucial.