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LD 367

Senator Rotundo and Representative Sachs,

I am asking for you to support LD 367. Maine needs a Transportation Bond for many reasons:

1. Bond funds are routinely used to match federal, local, and private dollars, not only for highways and bridges, but also airports, transit, marine and rail facilities.
2. Bonds improve public safety. In October 2022, TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit in Washington, DC, found that 15% of Maine's rural bridges are in poor and structurally deficient condition, the sixth highest rate in the country. Maine's rural roads and bridges among the worst in the US
3. Bond is Multimodal and provides funding for every mode. \$1 billion of federal highway investment supports 34,779 jobs. Maine industries like tourism, forestry, agriculture, manufacturing, and services are depending on our system.

Again, please support LD 367.