

City of Portland | City Council Kate Snyder, *Mayor*

To: Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

From: Mayor Kate Snyder, City of Portland

Date: 04/25/2023

Re: LD 1559



Testimony in Support of LD 1559 “An Act to Advance the State’s Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council and Increasing Funding”

Senator Chipman, Representative Lynne Williams, and distinguished members of the Committee on Transportation:

I write to you on behalf of the City of Portland’s Legislative/Nominating Committee in Support of LD 1559, An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council and Increasing Funding.

Public transportation provides vital connections for Mainers in both urban and rural areas, allowing them to access employment, medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other important services.

Maine has long faced a systemic lack of funding and coordination for public transit, which has had a significant impact on the state's economy, environment, and overall quality of life. This bill represents an important step forward in addressing these issues and building a more sustainable and equitable future for all Mainers. For all these reasons we urge you to support LD 1559.

Thank you for your consideration.

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