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LD 1957

Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee

I would like to offer testimony in support of one bill:
LD 1957 - An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Invest in Maine's
Railroad Infrastructure.

It is important that we take steps now to create the future we want to see and eventually will need to face. Passenger rail offers a convenient and efficient way to link population centers in Maine and across the country, especially with an eventual link to Montreal.

As we face an uncertain energy future, rail systems offer an efficient way to provide mass transit across the state. Every indication is that the age of automobile entitlement is ending, and rail systems provide the efficient systems we need.

Additionally, rail systems provide access for those unable to drive. I would like to offer testimony in person; however as a visually impaired person, I am unable to drive to Augusta. My situation requires that I visit Mass Eye and Ear many times a year; I often use the DownEaster, and would benefit from a passenger rail service extension to Lewiston.

Thank you for your consideration on this most important infrastructure improvement.