



To the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
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Americans for Prosperity Testimony Support of L.D. 320 (H.P. 220) An Act to Repeal Certain Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements

Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Rachel Burgin, and I serve as the Deputy Regional State Director for **Americans for Prosperity**. On behalf of our organization and the many Mainers we advocate for, I am writing to express strong support for **L.D. 320 (H.P. 220)**, *An Act to Repeal Certain Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements*, sponsored by Representative Fredericks.

This legislation represents a meaningful step toward regulatory reform and individual freedom. By repealing outdated and burdensome vehicle inspection mandates for most passenger vehicles, L.D. 320 restores personal responsibility and eliminates unnecessary government interference in the lives of Maine’s drivers. It maintains appropriate inspection standards for commercial vehicles, trailers, emergency vehicles, and others where oversight is truly necessary—ensuring that public safety remains a priority.

Across the country, more than 30 states operate safely and successfully *without* requiring routine vehicle inspections for non-commercial vehicles. These states have not experienced an increase in traffic incidents due to mechanical failures, demonstrating that annual inspections are no longer the most effective or necessary means of ensuring road safety. Mainers are fully capable of maintaining their own vehicles without being forced through annual, state-mandated inspections that often lead to excessive costs, time lost from work, and stress—especially for working families and those living in rural communities.

This bill not only eliminates outdated provisions across multiple sections of Maine’s motor vehicle statutes, but it also modernizes definitions and dealer warranty requirements to reflect this new, streamlined approach. It puts Maine in line with national best practices and encourages a culture of trust and accountability between government and the people it serves.

Furthermore, by directing the Secretary of State’s Bureau of Motor Vehicles to submit follow-up legislation for implementation, L.D. 320 demonstrates a responsible and phased approach to reform that considers the long-term impact on both policy and operations.



At Americans for Prosperity, we believe prosperity flourishes when individuals are trusted to make decisions for themselves, and when government focuses on doing less—but doing it better. L.D. 320 exemplifies that vision.

We urge lawmakers to support this bill and take an important step toward protecting both the freedom and prosperity of Maine citizens.

With gratitude,

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