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Senator Tim Nangle
Rep. Lydia Crafts
Committee Members

Dear Maine Transportation Committee Members,

My name is Alphee Lambert. I am a retired 25-year veteran of the Biddeford Police Department. During my career, I was assigned to the patrol division, where I was charged with enforcing traffic laws and regulations, including vehicle safety standards and protocol. I also attended traffic accident reconstruction school at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

On many occasions, during routine traffic stops, I was required to force a driver to immediately drive their vehicle to a local inspection station due to vehicle defects. This included bald tires, inadequate exhaust systems, cracked windshields, and many other defects. Many of these vehicles failed to then pass inspection and the driver was required to remove the vehicle from the road until defects were corrected.

This is why, it is in my professional opinion, I feel that all vehicle inspections should not be eliminated. Inspections also keep poorly maintained vehicles off the road, potentially reducing accidents caused by mechanical failures. They can also identify potential problems before they become major issues, allowing for timely repairs and preventing costly breakdowns.

By ensuring that vehicles are in a safe operating condition, inspections contribute to the overall safety of vehicles, passengers, and other road users.

This is why I strongly support the continuing of vehicle inspections in the state of Maine.

Please remember...vehicle safety should be one of the top priorities in Maine.....the way life should be!

Sincerely,
Alphee Lambert