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100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

**Testimony in Support of LD 1451 An Act to Strengthen Coordination of
Community Transportation**

Dear Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and members of the Transportation
Committee:

My name is Jon McGovern, I am a self-advocate, and I live in Bangor. I am also an
employee of Speaking Up For Us, Maine's Self-Advocacy Network.
I am in support of LD# 1451 An Act to Strengthen Coordination of Community
Transportation. I am in support of this because if we stay backwards instead of going
forwards transportation can be a mess. Transportation can be difficult, especially for
people with disabilities. Transportation has not always been accessible for people with
disabilities. Many of us need transportation to get to other parts of the state and it can
be difficult to navigate. Using public transportation is not easy between looking at
websites, finding pick up and drop off locations and connections can be very
overwhelming. Strengthening Community Transportation is very important.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I ask you to vote in support of LD 1451

Sincerely,

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