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LD 1451

Testimony of Sally Chappell, resident of Bridgton

Supporting: LD 1451 An Act to Advance Coordination of Community Transportation

- Sponsored by Senator Mike Tipping

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:

As a 78 year-old resident of a rural community, I am concerned about my ability to be a safe driver. My husband is blind; I am the only driver in my family. Our car is 15 years old. Our modest income does not allow us to move to a more urban area where public transportation exists. I am aware that older drivers and very young drivers have more accidents than drivers in their middle years. My parents died in a car accident. I would like very much to give up driving, but it is not possible given that our society has bought into the personal vehicle default scenario.

It looks like a Mobility Manager would be very beneficial for people in rural areas who either 1) can't drive, 2) shouldn't drive, 3) don't want to drive, 4) aren't allowed to drive, or 5) can't afford to drive.

"Aging in Place," is a commonly voiced alternative to institutional living for elder seniors and people with disabilities. A necessary component of that model is the availability of affordable transportation.

Thank you. Please vote Ought to Pass for LD 1451