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LD 1138
Tuesday, April 29th, 2025

To: Senator Stacey Brenner, and honorable members of the committee,
From: Edward Nachamie

Re: Testimony in Support of An Act to Reduce Pollution Associated with Transportation in
Alignment with the State's Climate Action Plan

I am writing as a concerned young person who wants to see Maine investing in clean transportation options like more frequent and reliable transit. I'm also interested in the subsidization of safer streets which will improve safety, protect our health, and support local economic growth. Right now, transportation planning isn't required to consider climate pollution. As Maine grows and develops, it is more important than ever that state transportation planners take climate change into consideration when reviewing and approving transportation projects. If climate change is not part of transportation planning, our limited taxpayer funds will go to more expensive, more polluting projects that can increase traffic and make roads more dangerous. Setting greenhouse gas emissions targets for our statewide transportation system will ensure that we're addressing the largest source of climate pollution in Maine. This legislation will require climate impact assessments for all new transportation projects and ensure that projects only move forward if they have a net climate benefit. Please support and ensure that LD 1138 passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Nachamie