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While I most likely will not be able to testify via Zoom on April 30th, 2025 at 1:00 pm, I would still like to voice my concerns regarding proposed bill LD1612. It's no secret that in today's world, trucking is the preferred method for local industries and businesses to receive and ship out goods. While trucking may be efficient and effective, it comes at the cost of the environment. Railroads, however, are much more environmentally friendly. One truck can haul 1 trailer, but a single locomotive can haul dozens of rail cars which can not only release less carbon emissions, but also allow local industries and businesses to ship out their goods more efficiently. If the state of Maine were to invest the time and resources to reopen these old rail lines, customers may consider switching to a more eco-friendly mode of transportation. With climate change and greenhouse gas emissions so prevalent in today's world, the state of Maine should consider making the most of its vast railroad network, which will lead the way to a much environmentally friendly and sustainable state.