



Supporting: LD 1138, An Act to Reduce Pollution Associated with Transportation in Alignment with the State's Climate Action Plan

May 1, 2025

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:

My name is Andrew Zarro, and I am the Executive Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine. I am writing today in support of LD 1138, and I thank Senator Brenner and the cosponsors for bringing this critical legislation forward.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine has worked for over 30 years to make Maine a safer, healthier, and more accessible place to bike, walk, and roll. We partner with municipalities across the state to help them design and implement safer streets that serve all road users. Our work supports thousands of Mainers who rely on walking and biking to get to school, work, or essential services, particularly those who do not have access to a car or who choose lower-cost, lower-impact transportation options.

We know from direct experience that when communities invest in separated and protected walking and biking infrastructure, everyone benefits. These projects reduce crashes, improve community safety, and attract foot traffic to local businesses. They also help lower transportation costs for families and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that threaten our environment. These are not just safety and climate solutions. They are economic and public health solutions as well.

LD 1138 provides a path forward by requiring that transportation projects align with the state's climate goals. This legislation will help prioritize and incentivize the types of investments that reduce pollution and increase access to clean and safe mobility options. Projects that include high-quality bike infrastructure, sidewalks, and transit alternatives are proven to reduce emissions, support local economies, and make our communities more resilient.

If climate change is not part of transportation planning, then we risk spending limited taxpayer dollars on outdated infrastructure that worsens emissions and creates more danger on our roads. LD 1138 helps ensure that Maine's transportation system is built for the future.

For these reasons, I urge the Committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1138. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew J. Zarro".

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