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LD 1835: An Act to Improve Non-Emergency MaineCare Transportation

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Honorable Chairs & Committee members.

My name is Liz Trice, I've lived most of my life in Portland, and I have a masters' degree from the Muskie School in Public Policy with a focus on Community Development. I currently work in housing and land use policy.

I believe the heart, soul and economy of Maine is based on our access to unspoiled natural places including forest, farm, and coastline. As Maine grows in population, we have to start investing our transportation dollars in systems that will preserve these things.

I want to live in a state of vibrant small towns, farms, and forests, and believe we can have that if we plan for it. We need to invest more in densifying our small towns rather than sprawling across farms and forest. We need to build more housing where infrastructure already exists, not building new roads. If our only solution is expensive large homes on large lots, we will become a state of subdivisions and highways.

We also need to consider equity. Because currently we invest the vast majority of our transportation dollars in car-oriented infrastructure, it means we often do not justly serve our elders, children, disabled and less fortunate neighbors. We have a responsibility as a state to ensure that non-emergency transportation is available all of our residents

Please support LD 1835: An Act to Improve Non-Emergency MaineCare Transportation

I am willing to assist the committee in any way that is helpful. Thank you.

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