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Senator Anne Beebe-Center - Chair
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Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
100 State House Station Room 436
Augusta, ME 04330

LD 1886: An Act Regarding Penalties for Violation of the Law Governing
Distracted Driving When the Violation Results in the Death or Significant Injury
of Another Person

Dear Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and Members of the
Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee:

MACDL opposes LD 1886.

LD 1886 is redundant and unnecessary. The purpose of this bill is to have a
specific license suspension of up to 180 days when the violation results in the
death or significant injury to another person.

Title 29-A §2413-A, Motor vehicle violation resulting in death, authorizes the
court to impose a license suspension of between 14 days and 4 years. Title 29-A
§2413, Driving to endanger, authorizes the court to impose a license suspension of
between 30 and 180 days and additionally aggravated driving to endanger allows
for a license suspension of 180 days to 2 years. Title 29-A §2454, Homicide,
authorizes the Secretary of State to suspend a license for a minimum of 5 years for
“any person who, as a result of the operation of a motor vehicle in such a manner
as to cause the death of another...”

There exists a plethora of laws in place to ensure that an individual's license will be suspended if
they drive a motor vehicle in a manner that results in a death or significant injury to another
person.

For the reasons stated above, MACDL opposes LD 1886..

We urge this committee to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS.

Sincerely,

/s/

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