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Senator Tim Nangle, Chair
Representative Lydia Crafts, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
c/o Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, thank you for reading my testimony on LD 1804, An Act Concerning Funding and Oversight of Transportation Matters.

I am Andy Kittredge, President of CPM Constructors. Founded in 1985, CPM is a family-owned general contractor focusing on bridge, pile driving, railroad, historic rehabilitation and marine construction work across Maine and northern New England. Our clients include state departments of transportation, turnpike authorities, municipalities, railroads, utilities, boatyards and other private entities.

CPM is in favor of LD 1804 because increasing the dedicated funding stream for the Highway Fund is the best way to ensure Maine's infrastructure is properly maintained. As a company directly involved in road and bridge construction, we see firsthand the impact of underfunded infrastructure. Deferred maintenance and delayed projects compromise public safety and increase the long-term cost to taxpayers. I'm certain every member of this committee has heard from a constituent complaining about the conditions of a road in your district.

For too long Maine relied on bonding to repair our infrastructure. Recently, this committee made the decision to dedicate certain revenue to transportation funding, and we applaud that decision. By increasing these revenues, Maine would create a more reliable and stable funding stream that allows for smarter planning, greater efficiency, and improved safety.

The Maine Department of Transportation has done a great job allocating funds and prioritizing projects. Doing so under tight budgets, we have every reason to believe that

with more stable and substantial funding, Maine DOT will be able to make significant improvements in Maine's aging infrastructure.

I urge the committee to vote in favor of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Kittredge', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andrew Kittredge
President
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