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Senator Tim Nangle,
Co-Chair,
Joint Committee on Transportation
Senate Democratic Office 3
State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Representative Lydia Crafts
Co-Chair,
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RE: Support for L.D. 2191 (H.P. 1472) – An Act to Establish a Biennial Inspection System for Vehicle Rental Companies

Dear Chairs Nangle and Crafts, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

On behalf of the members of the American Car Rental Association (ACRA)¹, I am writing to express our strong support for L.D. 2191 (H.P. 1472). This legislation proposes a practical, modernized approach to vehicle safety inspections for high-volume rental fleets in Maine.

As the representative for the car rental industry, ACRA consistently advocates for policies that ensure vehicle safety while streamlining administrative burdens for our members. L.D. 2191 achieves this balance by allowing qualifying rental companies to move to a two-year inspection certificate.

The bill includes robust safeguards to ensure that public safety remains the highest priority:

- **Fleet Threshold:** The biennial inspection option is limited to businesses with a significant presence in the state, specifically those with at least 1,000 noncommercial motor vehicles registered in Maine per year.
- **Affidavit of Compliance:** To qualify, a business must file an affidavit with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.
- **High Standards:** This affidavit must certify that the rental fleet will meet or exceed the rigorous inspection standards established in Section 1756 and administered by the Chief of the State Police over the two-year period.

By authorizing this biennial system, the Committee is recognizing the unique maintenance capabilities of large rental fleets, which are subject to frequent, professional multi-point inspections between rentals. This bill provides clarity and transparency for the industry while maintaining the high safety standards Maine residents expect.

¹ ACRA is the national trade association representing the U.S. car rental industry, including major brands like Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, Sixt, and Thrifty as well as independent, regional, and franchise operators. Its members collectively manage more than 2.2 million vehicles nationwide, with fleets ranging from 10 to 1 million cars, and employ over 100,000 workers across nearly every county, including many in Maine.

We urge the Committee to report L.D. 2191 out with an "Ought to Pass" recommendation. Thank you for your consideration of this important industry priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Lefevé", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Don Lefevé
President & CEO