

**Testimony of State Farm Mutual Insurance Company**

In Support of LD 2073

An Act to Amend the Application of the Law Requiring Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Cover Towing and Storage Charges for Certain Vehicles

Public Hearing- January 11, 2024

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and distinguished members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee:

My name is Ben Gilman. I am an attorney with Drummond Woodsum in Portland, and I represent State Farm Mutual Insurance Company. State Farm is one of the largest automobile insurers in the United States. Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of LD 2073, An Act to Amend the Application of the Law Requiring Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Cover Towing and Storage Charges for Certain Vehicles.

LD 2073 is a technical correction bill for the towing legislation that will require a liability automobile policy to cover towing which was passed by this committee last spring. We would like to reiterate our opposition to the underlying policy of this issue that will lead to increased auto rates for our customers here in Maine. We look forward to hearing from the Bureau of Insurance later in this session for their report back of what that rate increase will look like for Mainers. However, if this policy does move forward as is, then we are supportive of the correction this bill addresses.

We respectfully request that the Committee vote Ought to Pass on LD 2073. We would be pleased to provide any additional information helpful to your consideration of this bill.