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Testimony on
L.D. 236, “An Act to Provide Legislative Oversight of the Rule-making
Petition Process”

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Good morning, Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:

I am State Representative Richard H. Campbell, and I proudly represent District 19, Eddington, Holden, and Orrington. It is an honor to appear before you today for the purpose of introducing L.D. 236, “**An Act to Provide Legislative Oversight of the Rule-making Petition Process.**”

This issue was brought to my attention when a California mandate for electric vehicle (EV) sales was brought before the Board of Environmental Protection with 150 signatures. If passed, this would have placed a great burden on Maine auto dealers for both car and light-duty truck sales.

An early defeat of the rule related to light-duty trucks, and the eventual defeat of the proposal related to cars, became the sensible outcome. However, the process bypassed the most valuable and customary legislative public policy course of action.

My suggestion is to make any rule of this significance be designated “*major substantive*” to insist its return to the legislative committee of jurisdiction for hearing, work session, and thorough scrutiny before becoming law.

Thank you for your time. I ask this Committee to send L.D. 236 to the floor with a unanimous *Ought to Pass* report.