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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Opposition To

***LD 1209 – Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study the Safety and Use of Small
Lightweight Vehicles on Maine's Roads and Highways, the Systems and Laws Governing
Antique Vehicles and the General Improvement of Road Safety***

April 1, 2025

Sen. Nangle, Rep. Crafts, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Rebecca Graham, and I am submitting testimony in opposition to LD 1209 at the direction of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). Our LPC is made up of individuals from across Maine with municipal officials elected by their peers across Maine's 35 Senate districts representing communities with very different access to available enforcement resources and local capacity.

As drafted, LD 1209 lacks municipal representation from any of the individuals must assess property tax to pay for the tasks and staff dedicated to the maintenance of roads. Additionally, the working group lacks representatives from the law enforcement and public safety agencies who must respond to vehicle accidents, address road safety hazards and inherit the operational complaints and fall out from the lack of crash safety protections, along with complaints from other road operators. The bill also lacks representation from the Department of Transportation who should be included in the discussion with regard to types of vehicles that should be operated on a variety of other non-municipal roadways.

Officials ask that membership of any working group examining the use of Maine's roads and highways include those directly involved with the day to day reality of any resulting legislation. If the bill cannot be amended to at least include municipal and DPS representation, officials ask that you vote ought not to pass on LD 1209.