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**LD 566, "An Act to Modernize the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and
Amend the Law Governing Inspection Fees."
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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:

My name is Senator Brad Farrin and I am here today to introduce LD 566, "An Act to Modernize the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and Amend the Law Governing Inspection Fees."

This bill will allow the Chief of the Maine State Police to establish an electronic motor vehicle inspection program in Maine. Right now, Maine processes around 1.3 million vehicle inspection stickers every year. As you can imagine, that's a huge amount of work, and it places a lot of pressure on the staff in our Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit at the Department of Public Safety. The current system is time-consuming, and the paperwork involved can be overwhelming.

By moving to an electronic inspection process, we would be able to streamline the entire system, making it much more efficient for both the state and for the people working in the inspection unit. It would also reduce the amount of paperwork needed to process inspections, saving time and cutting down on costs.

Perhaps even more importantly, this bill would help improve public safety. Currently, it's possible for illegal inspection stickers to be created and used, which poses a serious risk to the safety of Maine drivers. With an electronic system, we can better track and verify inspections, making it much harder for fraudulent stickers to make their way onto the road. That means safer vehicles and safer roads for all of us.

This bill is a step toward modernizing our system and addressing these challenges in a more efficient and secure way. I believe this is a positive change that would benefit both the people who work in this area and the motorists who rely on safe roads.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this legislation.