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*Testimony of Rep. Lydia Crafts presenting*

## **LD 1520, An Act Regarding an Exemption from Income Tax on Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteer Drivers**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation*

Good afternoon, Senator Grohosky, Representative Cloutier and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. My name is Lydia Crafts, and I represent House District 46, which includes Bristol, Damariscotta, Monhegan Plantation, Newcastle and Nobleboro. Today, I am pleased to present **LD 1520, An Act Regarding an Exemption from Income Tax on Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteer Drivers**.

In a conversation with a local nonprofit, I was surprised to learn that volunteer mileage reimbursement is set federally at only \$0.14/mile. This rate hasn't increased since it was originally set in 1998. In contrast, the business mileage reimbursement is \$0.70/mile and is adjusted annually. The increasing reimbursement rate demonstrates the increased costs of purchasing, maintaining and operating an automobile.

In a state with a strong tradition of volunteerism, organizations are finding it difficult to recruit and retain adequate numbers of volunteers who provide critical transportation supports. This policy allows volunteers to receive up to \$0.70/mile without being required to pay income tax.

Thank you for your time and consideration; I am happy to answer any questions.

Period	Business use	Charity use	Medical or military moving	Source
2025	70	14	21	<u>IR-2024-312</u>
2024	67	14	21	<u>IR-2023-239</u>
2023	65.5	14	22	<u>IR-2022-234</u>
7/1/2022-12/31/2022	62.5	14	22	<u>IR-2022-124</u>
1/1/2022-6/30/2022	58.5	14	18	<u>IR-2021-251</u>
2021	56	14	16	<u>IR-2020-279</u>
2020	57.5	14	17	<u>IR-2019-215</u>
2019	58	14	20	<u>IR-2018-251</u>
2018	54.5	14	18	<u>IR-2017-204</u>

2017	53.5	14	17	<a href="#"><u>IR-2016-169</u></a>
2016	54	14	19	<a href="#"><u>IR-2015-137</u></a>
2015	57.5	14	23	<a href="#"><u>IR-2014-114</u></a>
2014	56	14	23.5	<a href="#"><u>IR-2013-95</u></a>
2013	56.5	14	24	<a href="#"><u>IR-2012-95</u></a>
2012	55.5	14	23	<a href="#"><u>IRB-2012-02</u></a>
7/1/2011-12/ 31/2011	55.5	14	23.5	<a href="#"><u>IR-2011-69</u></a>
1/1/2011-6/3 0/2011	51	14	19	<a href="#"><u>IR-2010-119</u></a>