

Testimony of Chelsea Russo in support of LD 1508, "An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Tinted Windows in Motor Vehicles"
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Good afternoon, Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. I am Chelsea Russo and I am here to speak in favor of LD 1508, "An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Tinted Windows in Motor Vehicles."

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY & THANK YOU DAN FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THIS BILL, MAKING IT POSSIBLE.

I OWN A SMALL BUSINESS IN HALLOWELL MAINE CALLED TINT BY RUSSO I INSTALL QUALITY WINDOW FILMS MADE BY XPEL. I STARTED TINTING WINDOWS 15 YEARS AGO. I HAVE DUAL ASTIGMATISM IN BOTH EYES, MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR MY EYES TO ADJUST ESPECIALLY IN THE SUN. BUT BECAUSE OF THE QUALITY OF WINDOW FILM I AM ABLE TO SAFELY OPERATE MY VEHICLE GLARE FREE WITH A CRISP CLEAR VIEW OUT SAVING MY EYES FROM HARMFUL ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION.

1 IN 3 PEOPLE HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION PERTAINING TO THE SUN. WHETHER IT BE EYES OR SKIN, OR A MEDICATION YOU MUST TAKE THAT CAUSES YOU TO BURN. WINDOW FILM PROTECTS AGAINST ALL OF THESE CONDITIONS PROVIDING COVERAGE PREVENTING FURTHER DAMAGE.

FURTHERMORE, 25% OF THE POPULATION SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS SUCH AS PTSD & ANXIETY. ATTACKS BEING TRIGGERED IN TRAFFIC MAY BECOME A THING OF THE PAST WITH PROPER COVERAGE OF WINDOW FILM. MAKING OCCUPANTS FEEL SAFE & SECURE BEHIND THE WHEEL.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONES WITH AUTHORITY WHEN IT COMES TO THE MEDICAL EXEMPTION WAIVER AS THEY ARE TRAINED IN THE MEDICAL FIELD TO PROPERLY CARE FOR PATIENTS, AND ARE THE ONES PROVIDING THE DIAGNOSIS FOR TREATMENT.

AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WE HAVE A RIGHT TO PRIVACY, THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE & SECURE IN THE VEHICLES WE PAY TO OPERATE ON THE ROADS.

I CAME HERE TODAY TO BE HEARD, TO EDUCATE, AND TO SEE THIS BILL PASSED.

I AM A MEDICAL WAIVER HOLDER AND HAVE BEEN FOR MANY YEARS, I WAS PULLED OVER THIS JANUARY BY AN OFFICER OF THE STATE POLICE, AND HE VIOLATED MY RIGHTS AS A MEDICAL EXEMPTION WAIVER HOLDER. REMOVING MY INSPECTION STICKER WITH HIS LEATHERMAN CAUSING DAMAGE TO MY WINDSHIELD.

THE OFFICER TOLD ME IF I DIDN'T LIKE THE LAW, TO CHANGE IT & SO I SHALL.