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Good afternoon Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee. I am Representative Randy Greenwood, proudly representing my friends and neighbors in Litchfield, Monmouth and my hometown in Wales, both in Androscoggin and Kennebec Counties.

I am here to testify in favor of LD 1581, "An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Certain Veterans" as proposed to be amended by the sponsor's amendment.

As proposed to be amended by the sponsor, this legislation would bring Maine law in line with the intent of Title 36 §1483 (12) as amended by LD 1193 in 2021. When that change to statute was implemented, however, it became clear that as written, the ability for 100% disabled veterans to be exempt from motor vehicle excise tax was not limited to any specific number of vehicles.

The sponsor's amendment makes it clear that the exempt vehicles must be titled either solely to the 100% disabled veteran or jointly owned by them. Additionally, there would be a three vehicle limit for each 100% disabled veteran. Providing guardrails such as ownership and a reasonable number of vehicles ensures against fraud and abuse, or the danger of losing this exemption for this important segment of our population.

I am asking for an Ought to Pass as Amended as agreed to and outlined by the good Representative from Oakland, Representative Nutting.

Thank you and I am happy to take any questions you may have.