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Testimony of Danny N Loudermilk Jr., Business Representative District Lodge 4 of the International Association of Machinists

In support of LD 1451, "An Act To Strengthen Coordination of Community Transportation."

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, my name is Dan Loudermilk, and I am a Business Representative for District Lodge 4 of the International Association of Machinists. I represent drivers employed by KVCAP in Augusta and Waterville.

Not only do Unions strive to improve the lives of workers and their families but also of the communities they live in. This is why the drivers of Local S89 decided to organize and become a Union, they care deeply for the people who they provide these services for. This bill will benefit every community's public transportation for the disadvantaged, disabled and elderly populations by coordination in Community Transportation.

LD 1451 will strengthen coordination using National Best Practices to <u>maximize efficiency</u> and performance of human services transportation for the health and economic well-being of the state. LD 1451 will enable Maine to make more efficient use of current resources and to leverage additional federal funding for public and community transportation that is currently being "left on the table."

The Union believes this is a bill that all parties can get behind for the benefit of those in need in the state of Maine.

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