

TESTIMONY OF

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L.D. 1498, “An Act To Prevent Increased Heating Fuel, Natural Gas, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Pricing in Maine by Prohibiting Adoption of Rules Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions”



Good morning, Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. My name is Brian Parke and I am the President and CEO of the Maine Motor Transport Association and a constituent of Representative Tucker as a resident of Brunswick. Our Association is comprised of almost 1,600 member companies, whose employees make up a large portion of the 32,000 people who make their living in the trucking industry in Maine.

I am submitting written testimony in support for LD 1498 and would like to thank the sponsors for bringing this bill forward.

Let me be clear. The MMA is not generally opposed to the very concept of policies aimed at something so important as climate change and transportation's role in the environment. We have been active and engaged participants on the Transportation Working Group of the Maine Climate Council and our industry remains committed to investing in cleaner technologies to move tomorrow's freight.

However, we believe that such policies would have considerably broad impacts on the economy, on jobs in Maine and on our business operations, and they deserve the full focus and due diligence of the Legislative process as outlined in LD 1498.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing me to submit written testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have at the Work Session.