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## Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of

*LD 2261, An Act Designating New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules as Major Substantive Rules*

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Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich and distinguished members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2261 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA), and the 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), who were elected by their colleagues and peers to determine MMA's position on bills of municipal interest.

While municipal officials can agree that a shift to green transportation options may be appropriate for some communities, officials also believe that their home rule authority and legislative bodies should direct that level of appropriateness. The transportation needs for municipal fleets including waste management, public works, school and correctional facility vehicles differ across the state. Rules that govern a mandated change impacting local investment and thereby the local property taxpayers should be subject to the more substantive rule process requiring legislative review. Further, the switch to more green transportation options is already happening in communities where that switch makes sense, where the vehicles are available and when the vehicles are adequate for municipal operations. Local officials hold that those changes should not be directed by rule. However, if they are, those rules should be given the type of review through the legislature that is not being afforded to the local legislative bodies.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective.

If you have any questions regarding MMA's position on this bill, or other bills with municipal impact, please contact me at [acampbell@memun.org](mailto:acampbell@memun.org)