



## **Testimony of the Maine Snowmobile Association in Opposition to LD 341**

### **An Act to Amend the Definition of "Oversized ATV" to Increase the Minimum Weight Requirement**

**March 19, 2025**

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the committee, on behalf of the Maine Snowmobile Association (MSA) we wish to express our opposition to LD 341.

MSA is comprised of 280 local clubs in every region of Maine. Our members and volunteers work tirelessly to build and maintain thousands of miles of snowmobile trails throughout the state, a legacy of work that has existed since the 1960's, and that feeds an enormous winter economy.

At the core of our work is our relationship with private landowners. Without their permission our ability to maintain this trail system and access to it would be lost. We recognize their concerns with legislation seeking to increase oversized ATV weight limits and wish to express our concern as well. Given the passage of this legislation may result in loss of ATV access, it could also jeopardize our access as well.

Additionally, much of Maine's snowmobile trail network was never originally designed for the size and weight of these modern oversized machines. Specifically, the safety and strength of snowmobile trail bridges that are not designed for these weights could be compromised.

For these reasons, we encourage the committee to vote ought not to pass. Thank you for your consideration.