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**Testimony in SUPPORT of LD 446
An Act To Re-Establish the State Planning Office**

Senator Joseph Baldacci, Senate Chair
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Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government
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Greetings members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. My name is James Tassé and this testimony is submitted on behalf of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine **in support of LD 446.**

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine is the statewide organization that advocates for bicyclists and pedestrians. We work to make Maine better for bicycling and walking, and to protect the safety and rights of vulnerable users of the public ways.

The Coalition supports the passage of LD 446 because we believe that coordination of project planning for transportation, community development, sustainability and economic policy at the state level is a critical and basic governmental function.

For these reasons we urge the committee to support LD 446 and vote for an “ought to pass” Committee Report.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine,

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