Daniel Bryant Shapleigh

Good morning,

I understand that the transportation committee is going to be taking public comments on several proposals that would reduce or eliminate the automobile inspection requirement in the state of Maine. Of particular interest to me is LD 431/HP 311.

Please allow me to say that I whole heartedly support this proposal and support reducing or removing the vehicle inspection requirement. It has been too long that the people of Maine have suffered from this requirement. While I'm sure it was well intentioned, the vehicle inspection requirement has raised the cost of vehicle ownership significantly, especially for those people who are least able to afford it. Particularly in rural areas of the state, a vehicle is necessary in order to get and keep a job.

Making vehicle ownership more expensive creates an unnecessary hurdle that people must overcome in order to escape poverty and create better lives. Eliminating this requirement will help the people of Maine move toward greater economic stability.

Thank you for your time, Daniel Bryant, Shapleigh, ME