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To Members of the Transportation Committee regarding;  
LD 284 - An Act To Provide That Inspections of New Motor Vehicles Are Valid for 2 Years

My name is Pete Harring from Washington, ME

Most States do not require safety inspections for passenger vehicles. There has been no measurable increase of accidents because of that. The overwhelming vast majority of people do not drive vehicles that are not safe. Just because there would be inspections required does not mean that operating unsafe vehicles is allowed.

Currently there are dozens of laws pertaining to operating vehicles on public roads that are not safe. All lights must work, good tires, horns, breaks etc. Even if I just pulled out of the station with a brand new inspection sticker and my headlight burns out, there is a law that requires that they all work and should I get pulled over I could be fined. So what purpose did that inspection achieve besides costing me time and money? I see inspections as nothing more than a revenue generator for the State.

This bill would make inspections 2 years long. I oppose this only if this committee passes one of the other 2 bills LD 431 & LD 490 eliminating safety inspections all together.

I strongly encourage you to table this bill with an "Ought Not to Pass"