

VOTE OUGHT NOT TO PASS LD 1133

LD 1133 is a bill that if passed, would push away any hope at addressing the climate emergency in the state of Maine. The climate emergency is an issue that we as a state need to focus our legislation on. The Governor's Climate Council Report indicated that there it is necessary to address the transportation sector of the climate emergency, and one way to do this is to look to passenger rails as a way of creating a more sustainable transportation method in the state. Compared to other modes of personal transportation, passenger rails are more efficient and require less energy. By requiring less energy, there is a smaller impact on the greenhouse effect, meaning a less direct impact on climate change. Climate change is heavily impacting the state of Maine, and I, as a young Mainer who is passionate about making the state the best for all, urge for legislation to be climate-oriented. Maine farmers, fishermen, and coastal communities should not be living in constant worry about how climate change is going to negatively impact their lives, so it is up to their decision-makers to think of them in all issues, including this one.

This bill would cancel out 4 state-wide initiatives that are prioritizing the climate emergency by pertaining to the expansion and progression of passenger rails. This is what we need in order to make Maine a safer, more sustainable state for young people. To VOTE OUGHT NOT TO PASS LD 1133, would make us one step closer to making the necessary changes in order to create a healthier state.

With this, I am urging the vote of VOTE OUGHT NOT PASS LD 1133.