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Testimony of Ken Conant Jr.
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Joint Standing Committee

Senator Diamond and members of the Transportation Committee:

My name is Ken Conant Jr and I am thankful to the committee for this public hearing about the merits of this bill.

I live in Westbrook and have seen license plates that are over the line of good decency. I understand this has been a discussion point in prior years and I also believe people should have freedom of speech. If someone places a bumper sticker on their car with expletives and bad language, this is their choice to do so and their freedom of speech is freely exercised. IF the state of Maine issues a license plate as in this attached photo, I think it clearly shows the state is endorsing such language and this is just not acceptable in my view. Maine depends on tourism and plates like this portrays a certain careless attitude and this further makes our state a laughing stock within New England.

How do I explain this to my eight year old grandson if he is with me while driving. This photo was taken on Aug 27, 2020 on an evening commute on Forest Avenue in Portland. I also understand there are plates that are worse than this one and it is time to draw a line in the sand and raise the bar of decency.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Conant Jr.

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It seems as though the photo image I am attempting to include is not compatible with this format. For the record, the license plate reads FUCKYOU I also sent an email with the photo include to TRA@legislature.maine.gov