



To: Transportation Committee
Hearing Date: April 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

RE: LD 1411: An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations

Date: March 28, 2023

We at the **Association to Promote and Protect the Lubec Environment** urge that this bill be given “Ought Not To Pass” status. While the intent to improve bicycle lanes is commendable, withdrawing funds from the already poorly-financed efforts to improve tourism is not. Within our community we have many businesses that depend on tourism, and even more residents who rely on tourist revenue as an important source of income.

Providing a few extra miles of bicycle lanes, particularly in sparsely populated Washington County, will not attract more visitors, but we believe reducing the level of support services will lead to the opposite result. These funds are used to provide literature and other promotional materials, which we – and others – provide to potential out-of-state visitors on a year-round basis.

As constituents of the presenter of this bill, Senator Marianne Moore, we support many of her initiatives, but believe this one to be misguided. If passed, it will not result in increased tourism.

Yours Truly,

John D. Rule, President