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To the Committee,

LD 556 would cause expense and harm to the people Maine and is utterly unjustified. Vehicle inspections DO need to be modernized; by removing these legacy regulations entirely. Vehicle inspection laws are a legacy requirement from a time when cars and roads were much less safe, and many states have already repealed these now-useless regulations.

Research consistently finds no link between vehicle inspections and road safety. Congress' Government Accountability Office puts it this way: existing research "has generally been unable to establish any causal relationship." In addition, no auto insurers offer discounts to drivers in states with vehicle inspection requirements; a powerful statement to the uselessness of these requirements.

Maine's vehicle inspection serves as a de-facto tax on Mainers, who are already taxed at the fifth-highest rate in the nation, and this bill will only increase the burden, waste our time, continue to create artificial demand for mechanics while offering powerful incentive to them to create defects for the purpose of fleecing car owners, and incentivize bribery.

With thanks for your consideration,
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