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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation,

I'm Winston Lumpkins, I've been an advocate for Pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Portland for the last few years, and have chaired Portland's bike ped committee for 2 year long terms.

This type of analysis is badly needed, and I think this bill should pass, and go on to the full legislature.

However, I fear that it will be a challenging task, as police reports in Maine don't collect much of the information that this report will be looking for. They should, and that failure is a serious one, and a serious issue preventing municipalities from addressing the real causes of these crashes. I hope to be wrong, and that this report can shed some light on serious car/Ped crashes in Maine; such a report would be invaluable in my work on this issue.

I would strongly support the legislature directing Maine's police forces to collect these important details at crashes involving bicycles and pedestrians, though some level of training may be necessary as well.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to work on this lack of reporting.

~Winston