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Mission: To support adults and children with disabilities to achieve full and inclusive lives in their chosen communities.

DATE: April 23, 2025

RE: LD 1451 **An Act to Strengthen Coordination of Community Transportation**

Dear Members of the Joint Transportation Committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of LD 1451.

For many disadvantaged and vulnerable populations in Maine, access to reliable transportation continues to be a challenge. In my line of work, reports of undependable transportation services are far too common.

Transportation is an essential part of:

- Medical care
- Employment
- Independent living
- Social activities
- Community involvement

Disruptions to transportation interfere not only with access to critical activities and services but also puts strain on other support providers. If we can improve existing systems by better coordination of resources, the result would be a better quality of life for those who depend on community transportation.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Brett Bulmer
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