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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. My name is Dale Hamilton and I am writing in support of L.D. 1451 – An Act to Strengthen Coordination of Community Transportation.

L.D. 1451 establishes the Maine Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Management to issue policy recommendations and undertake activities that improve the efficiency, accessibility and availability of transportation for transportation-disadvantaged populations. The data clearly demonstrates the challenges experienced by disadvantaged populations in securing reliable and efficient transportation services.

This bill establishes a framework that brings efficiency and local oversight to improve the transportation system for this population. A strong transportation system is an intervention that can reduce costs while improving lives. We know by experience that transportation can be a barrier that prevents individuals from consistently accessing needed treatment services. This bill is an opportunity to make substantive improvements to the way we provide transportation resources to disadvantaged populations.

I ask that you support this bill to benefit the people who rely on access to transportation services.

Sincerely,

Dale Hamilton  
Executive Director