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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support For

LD 622 – An Act to Implement a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration

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Sen. Nangle, Rep. Crafts, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Rebecca Graham, and I am submitting testimony in support for LD 622 at the direction of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). Our LPC is made up of individuals from across Maine with municipal officials elected by their peers across Maine's 35 Senate districts representing communities with very different access to available enforcement resources and local capacity.

Officials recognize the growing need to find alternate sources of revenue to replace the receipts from gasoline tax. They also would like to make sure there are ways to capture revenue from the visitors using our roadway systems using the same types of vehicles.

According to data from the Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center, the fee proposed in LD 622 would have netted \$1.85 million from 7,400 EV's sold in 2023. That is likely not enough to fill the gap in the need for the Highway Fund, but it is some contribution that is currently not being provided through the fuel tax. As you have heard in previous testimony, municipalities spent a statewide estimated \$358 million in costs on the care and maintenance of roads which includes both winter maintenance and construction and repair in 2022.

Officials thank you for your efforts to fill the gaps of desperately needed transportation funding and your work on behalf of Maine's communities to examine solutions to these complex transportation issues.