

Testimony in support of LD-1549, “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Use and Oversight of Transportation-related Revenues”.

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. My name is Larry Grondin. I am the President of R. J. Grondin & Sons, a fourth-generation, family-owned earth excavation construction company going into our 66<sup>th</sup> year of doing business in Gorham, Maine. We employ anywhere from 130 -150 men and women in any given year, many of which have worked for our family for 20 and 30+ years.

I’m writing today to ask that you consider supporting LD-1549, “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Use and Oversight of Transportation-related Revenues”. This amendment protects transportation revenues by ensuring that at least 60 percent of motor vehicle-related sales taxes are used exclusively for maintaining and improving Maine’s transportation infrastructure, aligning with the expectation of Maine taxpayers. It will also change sole jurisdiction to the Legislature’s Transportation Committee, strengthening legislative oversight and accountability.

You’ll hear plenty of testimony today about the mechanics of this bill so I won’t get into the weeds. I will however, implore you to seriously consider this bill to ensure long-term viability of the transportation fund. This change would make funding future projects more predictable, which is much better than having to rely on funding through bonding. Thank you for your consideration and thank you for all the work you do for the great State of Maine. Have a great day.