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To the distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, I am an eighteen-year-old Mainer from Farmington, ME. This bill is an instrumental step for tackling the greatest portion of Maine's contribution to climate change. By requiring climate impact assessments, the constructive mindset of this legislation will develop our state to be strategic and cognisant of constructing roads and their cost to communities, our environment, and safety.

In the last six months alone, more than three people have been hit or killed by cars in my town, which may increase with traffic due to road construction and a continuing lack of public transportation. I understand the difficulty of enacting these policies in very rural spaces, but areas with high populations (such as Freeport, Augusta, etc) should have access to public transportation. This would also alleviate the requirement for a car for employment or living: many jobs or services are inaccessible without a personal vehicle.

I urge you to support this bill, not only for long-term financial savings but also with the urgency of protecting a future that I can grow old in.