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LD 1138

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Supporting: LD 1138, An Act to Reduce Pollution Associated with Transportation in Alignment with the State's Climate Action Plan

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, my name is Judy Kimball and I am from South Portland. I am here today in support of LD 1138 and appreciate Senator Brenner and the other cosponsors for bringing this legislation forward.

Climate change is upon us and is already forcing changes in the way we move through our lives. Real, long term solutions take time and planning and LD 1138 can be a positive step toward that goal. I live in South Portland and used to take the bus to work in downtown Portland, but that was possible because I live on a bus route which delivered me to my job. This is not the case for many people.

With so much new and much needed housing being built, people are going to require public transportation for economic and practical reasons (limited parking in apartment complexes and in Portland, for example), to say nothing of the reduced pollution resulting from fewer vehicles on the road. We have long passed the time to act. That time is now and passage of LD 1138 is a solid beginning.

I encourage you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1138. Thank you for your consideration.
- Judy Kimball