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Good morning Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and members of the Transportation committee. Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony in support of LD 1138. My name is Mary Ann Larson and I live in Bangor.

By supporting a transportation system that encourages modes other than cars, I believe we will be making progress on several key issues. We'd be saving Mainers on the ongoing and ever increasing costs of operating an automobile, cutting emissions that contribute to climate chaos and supporting citizens' efforts to enhance their health by walking and/or biking more. With the increasing availability of e-bikes more folks will consider that option if a safe built environment exists.

I'm someone who walks year round and bikes when weather permits. I could easily ride my bike to run errands here in Bangor but there are no bike lanes and very congested roads at certain times. We've built our roads for cars, to the detriment of any other form of transportation.

That needs to change for the above reasons.

Please vote to pass LD 1138. Thank you for your work for the citizens of Maine.