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LD 1138

Testimony of YOUR NAME AND AFFILIATION, IF ANY
in support of BILL TITLE

May 1, 2025

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation;

My name is Emily Paskewicz, I live in Brunswick, and I am the Northern New England Manager for the East Coast Greenway Alliance. The East Coast Greenway Alliance leads the development of a 3,000-mile biking and walking route from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida, designed to safely connect people to their communities and key destinations. The East Coast Greenway Alliance supports LD 1138 for many reasons. First and foremost because it will ensure that future transportation projects model long-term climate impacts, and ensure their alignment with the State's climate action goals, allowing for better decision making and reduced transportation pollution. This bill is one small step to ensure that Maine has the needed information on long-term impacts to make well-informed decisions about future transportation projects. Beyond reducing harmful emissions, this bill will also guide Maine towards the consideration of more diverse transportation project types including active transportation and public transit which will create more mobility options for residents of all ages and abilities.

I encourage you to vote 'ought to pass'. Thank you in advance for your consideration.