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LD 1809

I am opposed to LD 1809 as written but have the following suggestions to amend it.

I am in support of an annual fee for all non-gas powered vehicles (examples battery, hybrid and hydrogen fuel cell).

I am in support of vehicles (both commercial and non-commercial) not registered in Maine contributing to the cost of maintaining our highways and local roads through more than simply the diminishing gas tax method. Use of electronic toll gantry's/license plate imaginary capture might be one method, if it can be implemented in practice. I would encourage studying/establishing electronic toll gantry's at all ground ports of entry from Canada, with a toll for all commercial and non-commercial vehicles not registered in Maine (vehicles registered in Maine would be exempt such as they are today). Also, consideration should be given for studying/establishing electronic toll gantry's at the ME/NH border on State Highways such as Rt 2, 302, 25, 110, 109, 202, 9, 4, 101, Bypass 1 and Rt 1 with a toll for all commercial and non-commercial vehicles not registered in Maine (vehicles registered in Maine would be exempt such as they are today). Also, an electronic toll gantry on Rt 95 north, immediately north of the Piscataqua River bridge, and before the first exit, with a toll for all commercial and non-commercial vehicles not registered in Maine seems like a logically location (again vehicles registered in Maine would be exempt at this specific location such as they are today).

I am opposed to the proposed delivery fee. First is that this may be in violation of the U.S. Interstate Commerce Act if imposed on purchases made with out of state sellers. Second is that this may disproportionately impact rural households in Maine, who are often low-income households and who don't have the same level of access to retail stores as those who live in more urban areas of Maine.