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Established in 1872

Senator Tim Nangle, Chair
Representative Lydia Crafts, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
c/o Legislative Information Office
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Dear Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am Todd Sawyer and I work for Pike Industries. Pike Industries was established in 1872 and currently operates 24 asphalt plants and 20 crushing facilities throughout New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine, employing nearly **800** team members. Pike Industries is the largest construction services, asphalt and aggregate materials producer in the region, providing the State of Maine, the Maine Turnpike Authority, dozens of municipalities, and countless residential and commercial customers with aggregates, hot mix asphalt, cold-plane/milling, reclamation and grading, earthwork, pipe installation, and site work services.

Pike Industries is in support of Senator Farrin's bill, LD 1804, An Act Concerning Funding and Oversight of Transportation Matters. This legislation would raise the portion of automobile-related sales and use taxes transferred to the Highway Fund from 40% to 60%.

As you all know, historically, transportation funding has been pieced together through several funding sources, always falling short of keeping up with the necessary maintenance, creating a massive backlog of work. LD 1804 offers a long-term solution by increasing the dedicated funding stream for MaineDOT. Doing so will allow the Department to finally be able to make meaningful investments and improvements in Maine's aging infrastructure. It will also allow for Maine companies to more accurately prepare for the construction season.

Dedicating at least 60% of sales and use tax revenue from automobile sales to the Highway Fund simply makes sense. These revenues are generated through activities that directly impact our transportation infrastructure. Aligning those revenues with infrastructure reinvestment is both fiscally responsible and fair.

Maine needs to address the issue of our crumbling infrastructure, and LD 1804 provides a path to do just that. I urge the committee to vote in favor.

Respectfully,
Todd Sawyer,
Pike Industries