



Testimony of

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**Before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation on
LD 2068, An Act to Bring the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for
Trucks and Truck Tractors into Alignment with the Federal Motor
Carrier Laws**

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, my name is Dana Doran, and I am the Executive Director of the Professional Logging Contractors of the Northeast (PLC). The PLC is a regional non-profit organization that educates the public on logging and trucking issues throughout the Northeast, predominately in the state of Maine.

As background, the PLC was created in 1995 to give logging and associated trucking contractors a voice in a rapidly changing forest products industry. As of 2021, logging and trucking contractors in Maine employed over 3,000 people directly and were indirectly responsible for the creation of an additional 2,500 jobs. This employment and the investments that contractors make contributed \$582 million to the state's economy. Our membership, which includes over 200 contractor members in the state of Maine, is responsible for more than 80% of Maine's annual timber harvest.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify on behalf of our membership in support of LD 2068, An Act to Bring the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for Trucks and Truck Tractors into Alignment with the Federal Motor Carrier Laws. This bill brings Maine law into alignment with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations for emergency equipment on trucks and truck tractors. Having state law match federal standards ensures safety and consistency. Additionally, it also ensures that Maine is utilizing modern precautions with respect to safety.

By removing the reference to flags and emergency reflectors, this will remove and outdated application and simplify the list of items contractors and truck drivers are required to carry in their trucks. Reflective triangles are the most common of the

required equipment, so it makes perfect sense to remove the antiquated technology from the regulations.

With that said, we would like to recommend a small fix to the proposed bill. In the first paragraph, Line 4, “Flares and reflective triangles,” is not consistent with the rest of the bill. In this section “and” should be replaced with “or” to create consistency of application.

I encourage the committee to vote ought to pass as amended on LD 2068. Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.