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L.D. 305 An Act Regarding Transportation in Maine

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and Distinguished Members of the Transportation Committee, I am providing testimony neither for nor against L.D. 305 “An Act Regarding Transportation in Maine.”

As amended by the sponsor’s amendment, L.D. 305 provides an excise tax exemption for certain veterans who drive a leased vehicle (or two or three). While the payment of excise taxes and registration fees are often co-mingled in drivers’ minds, we do not administer or receive the excise tax (municipalities do); therefore, we do not take a position on whether or not an excise tax exemption is appropriate. Should the committee decide to include registration fee exemptions for leased vehicles, we stand ready to work with the committee on language. We note that retroactivity would create serious and costly implementation problems.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer your questions.