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**Testimony in Support of LD 669
An Act To Ensure Public Ways Are Compliant with the Federal Americans
with Disabilities Act of 1990**

Good afternoon Senator Diamond, Representative Martin, and members of the Committee on Transportation. My name is Angela King, and this testimony is on behalf of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine is the statewide organization that advocates for bicyclists and pedestrians. We work to make Maine better for bicycling and walking, and to protect the safety and rights of vulnerable users of the public ways.

This bill will ensure that any department of transportation projects that include construction, maintenance, or repair of public ways meet all federal requirements stated in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any project located in a public way must update, relocate, or install facilities to ensure compliance at the expense of the facility owner.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine believes that roadways are for everyone and that all public facilities should address everyone's mobility and safety needs. Building roadways that meet federal ADA standards for ALL users is essential.

If it becomes law, LD 669 will put federal guidelines into Maine State law. This will help to ensure that these guidelines are being followed in every instance and circumstance, and that Maine is in compliance with federal law and that moving forward, accessibility and transportation equity are included in all projects and improvements to our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your time and service to the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

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