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**Testimony In Opposition to
LD 1623, “An Act to Prohibit All State Subsidies for Electric Vehicles”
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Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology,

My name is William Harwood, here today as Public Advocate, to testify in opposition to LD 1623, “An Act to Prohibit All State Subsidies for Electric Vehicles.”

This bill proposes closing the door on any and all subsidies for electric vehicles. Expanding the use of electric vehicles is one of the most important initiatives to reaching Maine’s climate goals. Where it is cost-effective to do so, Maine should encourage the use of subsidies to promote the use of electric vehicles.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration of this testimony. The Office of the Public Advocate looks forward to working with the Committee on LD 1623 and will be available for the work session to assist the Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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