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The 129th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
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Dear Honorable Members of the 129th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 839, An Act To Increase Funding for Multimodal Transportation.

This legislation increases the sales tax on the short-term rental of automobiles, small trucks and vans from 10 percent to 12 percent to provide funding for multimodal transportation. While I agree that it is imperative to examine more sustainable resources for transportation, including multimodal connections, I do not believe an increase in the car rental sales tax, which did not receive bipartisan support, is the appropriate mechanism.

This session, the Transportation Committee unanimously supported LD 945, An Act to Establish a Blue-Ribbon Commission to Study and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems. This bill calls for a comprehensive look at the transportation funding challenge and possible solutions to it. I am hopeful that, through the work of this commission, more sustainable, reliable, and bipartisan funding options can be presented for consideration.

It is for these reasons, I return LD 839 unsigned and vetoed, and I urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
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