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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in support of
LD 588, An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by
Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program
Before the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

Good morning, Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. My name is Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes the communities of Brooklin, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Marshall Island, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Eagle Island Township, Isle au Haut and Vinalhaven. I write to you today in support of **LD 588, An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Funding the Maine Length of Service Award Program**.

In rural Maine, you won't find many paid fire departments. The men and women who volunteer their time and service to keep us safe deserve our support. For the sake of rural communities like mine who depend on them, I urge this committee to support funding the Length of Service Award Program.

Thank you for your attention. Please let me know if you have any questions that you would like me to answer at the work session.