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Anne Beebe-Center, Senate Chair  
Tavis Hasenfus, House Chair  
Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety,  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

*Re: L.D. Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and  
Technical Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes  
Establishing Criminal Offenses*

Dear Senator Beebe-Center and Representative Hasenfus:

I am writing to offer some thoughts regarding L.D. 330. This resolve creates an advisory council to select an outside consultant to review the Maine Criminal Code to identify unused and obsolete provisions, clarify confusing language, eliminate inconsistencies, consolidate or eliminate redundant provisions, and reorganize or restructure the Maine Criminal Code and other statutes establishing criminal offenses. It requires my Office to create and issue a request for proposals to hire this consultant. It also requires the council to report back to this Committee regarding its findings and any suggestions for legislative action.

A thorough review of Maine's Criminal Code is overdue. Comprehensive reviews like the one proposed provide the time outside of the urgency of legislative session to view the Code as a whole, ensure cohesion, and raise any potential overlooked issues ripe for legislative action. I do want to note that my office is not resourced to absorb these undertakings and will have fiscal implications if passed.

Sincerely,

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