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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and distinguished members of the committee: my name is Jonathan Wayne, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Ethics Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to testify concerning **L.D. 1690**, which would require a special disclaimer for a communication that includes an image, or audio or video content that has been materially manipulated or altered for deceptive or fraudulent election purposes. The Commission staff recommends that the Committee consult with the Office of the Attorney General on any constitutional issues raised by the legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.