



*Office of the
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Senator Beebe-Carter, Representative Hasenfus, and honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, my name is Jason Frost, and I have the honor of serving as the Fire Chief for the City of Waterville.

I am writing this letter today to voice my support for bill LD 2012; An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas and is often called the “silent killer” because it cannot be detected by human senses and without an early warning system can lead to severe injury or death.

One fateful day in Smithfield, Maine, two young men tragically lost their lives due to undetected carbon monoxide in their home. If a functioning CO detector had been present, this devastation could have been prevented, and my cousin would be here today to tell the story.

By supporting this bill, we can:

- Protect families, children, and vulnerable individuals, including those caring for young or elderly people, from life-threatening CO exposure.
- Align Maine’s laws with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code, ensuring consistency and reducing harm from CO.
- Acknowledge and honor personal loss, turning tragedy into positive policy that prevents future deaths—like that of my cousin.

In light of documented Maine incidents and the personal pain endured by my cousin’s family, I strongly urge the Committee to support LD 2012. This bill is a vital step toward ensuring every home and building is equipped to detect—and act upon—CO hazards before they become deadly.

Respectfully Submitted

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