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### **Statement in support of**

**L.D. 2033, Resolve, to Designate Route 3 in Trenton as the Deputy Luke Gross Memorial Highway**

**Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**

**January 8, 2026**

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and honorable members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Scott Stewart. I am the Chief of the Brunswick Police Department, and the newly elected President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Association in support of LD 2033.

The Maine Chiefs of Police Association's mission is straightforward: to strengthen the working relationships among Maine's police leaders, to promote professionalism and consistent standards across the state, and to support the men and women who serve our communities every day. At the heart of that mission is a shared commitment to protecting life and property and upholding the values of our profession.

Deputy Luke Gross was not a member of our Association, but that has never mattered when it comes to how we view our law enforcement family. In Maine, we stand together. When one agency loses an officer, every department feels that loss. Deputy Gross served Hancock County for 18 years with quiet dedication and a genuine concern for the people he encountered. His work as a DARE officer and his steady presence in the community made a lasting impact on many.

In 2021, Deputy Gross was killed while doing something officers do countless times without recognition, clearing debris from the road so others would be safe. Sheriff Scott Kane called him "a credit to his profession" and said the world needs more people like him. Those words resonated across the state because they were true.

Naming this stretch of Route 3 in his honor is a fitting way to remember his service and sacrifice. It ensures that his legacy remains visible in the community he served, and it reminds all of us of the risks officers take every day on behalf of the public.

For these reasons, the Maine Chiefs of Police Association respectfully urges the Committee to support LD 2033.