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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association
In Support of

*LD 1671 - An Act to Establish Disclosure Requirements Regarding Law Enforcement Officer
Credibility Information*

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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, my name is Tanya Emery, and I am providing testimony today in support of LD 1671 at the direction of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). MMA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member service organization that aims to help provide policy solutions that work for all residents of Maine. The LPC is composed of municipal officials from across Maine, elected by their peers to represent member communities.

MMA supports LD 1671 as it provides municipalities with clear guidance, reduces legal exposure, protects due process for officers, and strengthens public confidence in local law enforcement, while ensuring constitutional obligations are met in a fair and consistent manner. Formal communication channels such as those outlined in this legislation reduce last-minute disclosures, emergency case dismissals, and create improved coordination between municipal law enforcement and prosecutors.

LD 1671 promotes public trust in law enforcement by providing clear, consistent standards across agencies. Many states are moving toward formal credibility disclosure systems, and doing so in Maine will position Maine municipalities as proactive and committed to best practices in policing and prosecution. Identifying and addressing credibility issues through a standardized framework will improve case outcomes, encourage early intervention and remediation, and support higher professional standards.

MMA urges the committee to support LD 1671. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

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