

Colleen Brown
Whiting
LD 2163

Senator, Representative, and members of the Committee:

My name is Colleen Brown, and I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2163.

One of the core responsibilities of government is to ensure that victims of crime are treated fairly and that their statutory rights are consistently upheld. When those rights are overlooked or inconsistently applied, victims can feel sidelined in a process that should be protecting them. LD 2163 helps address that gap by establishing a clear, centralized complaint process when victims believe their rights have not been respected.

This bill promotes consistency and accountability across state, county, and municipal authorities without removing existing legal remedies available to victims. It strengthens communication, improves transparency, and helps ensure agencies respond appropriately when concerns are raised.

Importantly, the bill maintains due process protections while improving notice and participation rights for victims at critical stages of criminal proceedings. These changes help build confidence in the justice system and reinforce that victims' voices matter throughout the process.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2163.

Thank you for your time and consideration.