



Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support of

*LD 2076, An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents
by Municipal Fire Chiefs*

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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 2076 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 70 municipal officials from across Maine, elected by their peers to represent member communities.

From a municipal perspective, clear and consistent reporting requirements are essential. LD 2076 provides needed clarity around incident reporting, helping ensure that data submitted by fire departments is accurate, consistent, and useful at both the local and state levels.

Reliable incident data supports better decision-making, improves public safety planning, and helps municipalities and the State allocate resources more effectively. Importantly, this bill accomplishes these goals without placing unnecessary administrative burdens on local fire departments.

For these reasons, MMA's LPC urges the committee to support LD 2076. 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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