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**Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)
In Support of**

LD 2090, An Act to Establish a One-year Probationary Period for Public Safety Dispatchers

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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2090 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials support and recognize the need to align the probationary period of dispatchers with other law enforcement officers. Extended supervised experience for personnel dealing with potential life and death situations makes sense not only for the dispatchers but for the public that they serve.

The LPC did have questions that the committee may wish to consider in its deliberation of this bill, including:

- When does the 12-month period begin – upon hire, upon certification?
- Will provisions be made for dispatchers working under an existing contract or collective bargaining agreement?

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you and share the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the MMA Advocacy team with questions related to municipal operations.