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In Support of:

LD 2179, An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Jill O'Brien, and I am the Director of Government Affairs for the Maine Department of Corrections.

I am testifying in support of the portion of LD 2179 that relates to the requirement that the Secretary of State manufacture all of the State's license plates at Bolduc Correctional Facility, which is controlled by the Maine Department of Corrections. Among other things, LD 2179 would repeal 29-A M.R.S. § 451(6), the statute that requires that license plates be made at Bolduc Correctional Facility. The Maine Department of Corrections supports the removal of this statutory requirement, so that the Secretary of State can have the latitude and discretion to control license plate manufacturing.

The Maine Department of Corrections plans to attend the Work Session on LD 2179, to answer any questions the Committee may have regarding the existing plate shop facility and technology at Bolduc Correctional Facility. Thank you.

Jill O'Brien
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