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**Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)  
In Opposition to**

*LD 2058, An Act to Require Municipal and County Jails to Be Available at All Times for Detention of  
Persons Arrested on Criminal Charges by Maine Law Enforcement Officers*

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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 opposition to LD 2058 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee.

Municipal officials oppose the bill's language that restricts county and regional jail officials' ability to only detain arrestees presented by state, county or municipal law enforcement officers. Deliberate exclusion of federal agencies like Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and others could prevent legitimate legal activity and necessary working relationships that benefit the safety of Maine citizens.

In addition, it is unclear if this proposal violates the U.S. Constitution's contract clause, which restricts states from enacting legislation that alters existing contract rights. Although several counties have recently severed federal contracts, it is imperative that county law enforcement agencies retain the right to contract with federal agencies as they deem appropriate. Many counties rely on agency contracts for revenue. Prohibiting that partnership would directly impact the local property taxpayers, whom the counties already rely on heavily to fund operations.

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.