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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LD 133, "An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board"

To Senator Nangle, Representative Stover and Members of the Joint Standing Committee
on State and Local Government:

On behalf of the Maine Archives Advisory Board, I write to urge you to vote in favor of LD 133, "An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board".

The Archives Advisory Board currently consists of nine members, each recommended by a specific group and appointed by the Secretary of State. Each member brings his or her own expertise in the areas of legal, financial, technological, state agency, local government, and historical professional work. In addition, we include two members of the public with an interest in state records. These varied perspectives work together to advise the Maine State Archives on the best retention schedules for those records, to ensure the many needs for state records are met.

One perspective we have found missing from the Board is that of the press. The press has a strong interest in state records to inform their audience, the people of Maine, of the work of state government. While the members of the press are always welcome to attend our public Board meetings, their regular input would greatly enhance our work to advise the Maine State Archives.

The Maine Archives Advisory Board urges you to vote in favor of LD 133. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James E. Francis, Sr.".

James E. Francis, Sr.
Chair, Maine Archives Advisory Board