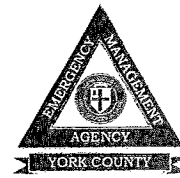


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March 10, 2023

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF LD673

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of LD 673 *An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop a Nonresidential Law Enforcement Training Program.*

In York County, we are in the planning process of building an all hazards training center to support workforce development for all first responder disciplines. (IE: Fire, Police, EMS, Dispatch, Corrections, and others.) Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2023. This facility is designed to provide nonresident law enforcement training programs. This facility will be in a position to augment MCJA programs by providing an alternate location and additional staffing to provide such training.

In-resident training in Vassalboro, is a hinderance to hiring quality individuals, including many veterans, who have family responsibilities. The requirements of in-resident training is often the single decision point for many not to choose a law enforcement career. The idea of a nonresident or "commuter" course may draw those individuals into law enforcement. Non-resident training can be more realistic than in-resident classes. In a commuter course, a student now has to juggle home life with work life.

If we are going to adjust to the new challenges of a new era, adapt to the changes in our communities and society, we must develop new and innovative ways of training and educating our workforce. LD673 is a move towards innovation. I wholeheartedly hope that this bill becomes law.

Very Respectfully,

Roger S. Hooper
Chief Fire Administrator, York County

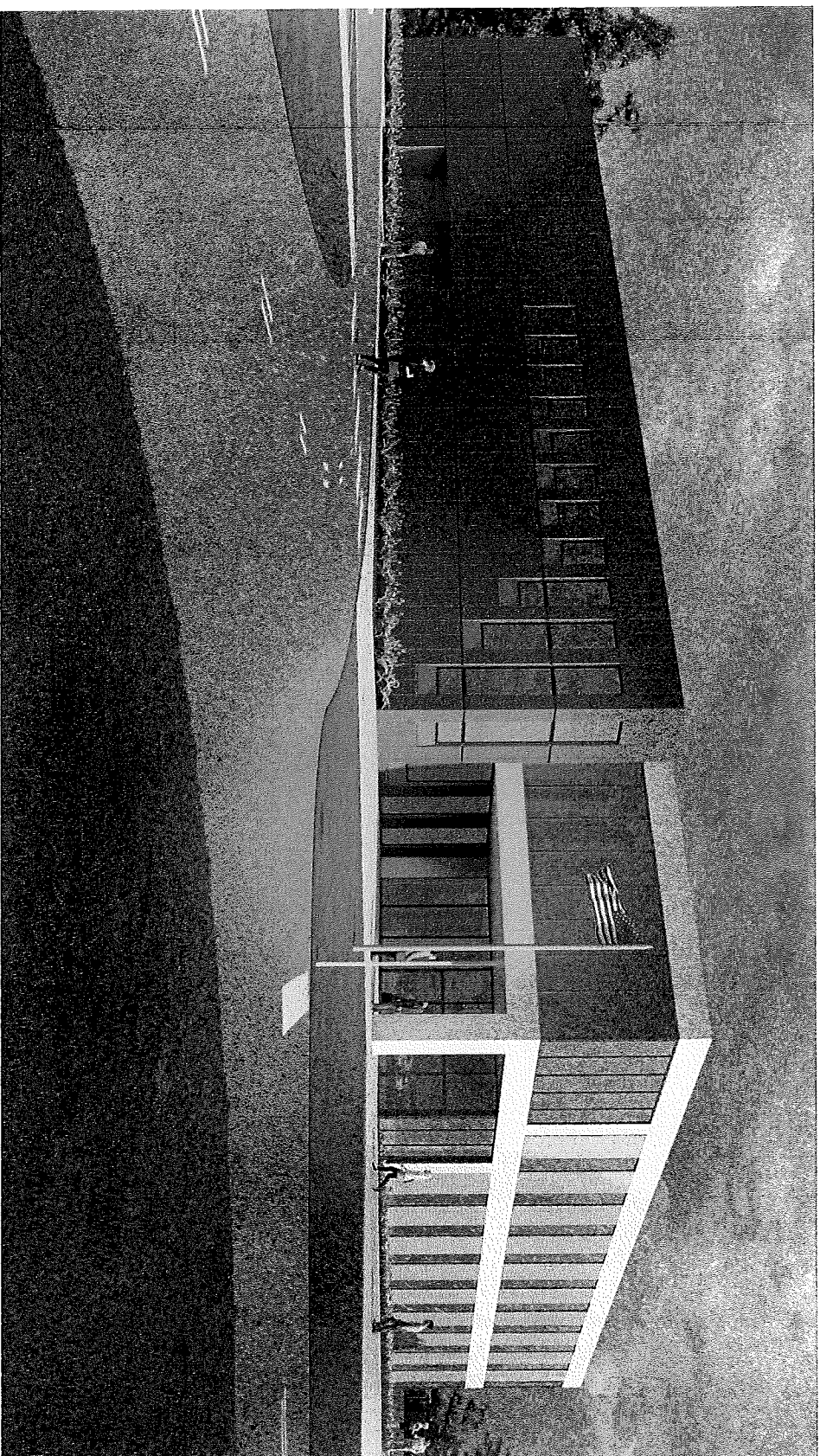
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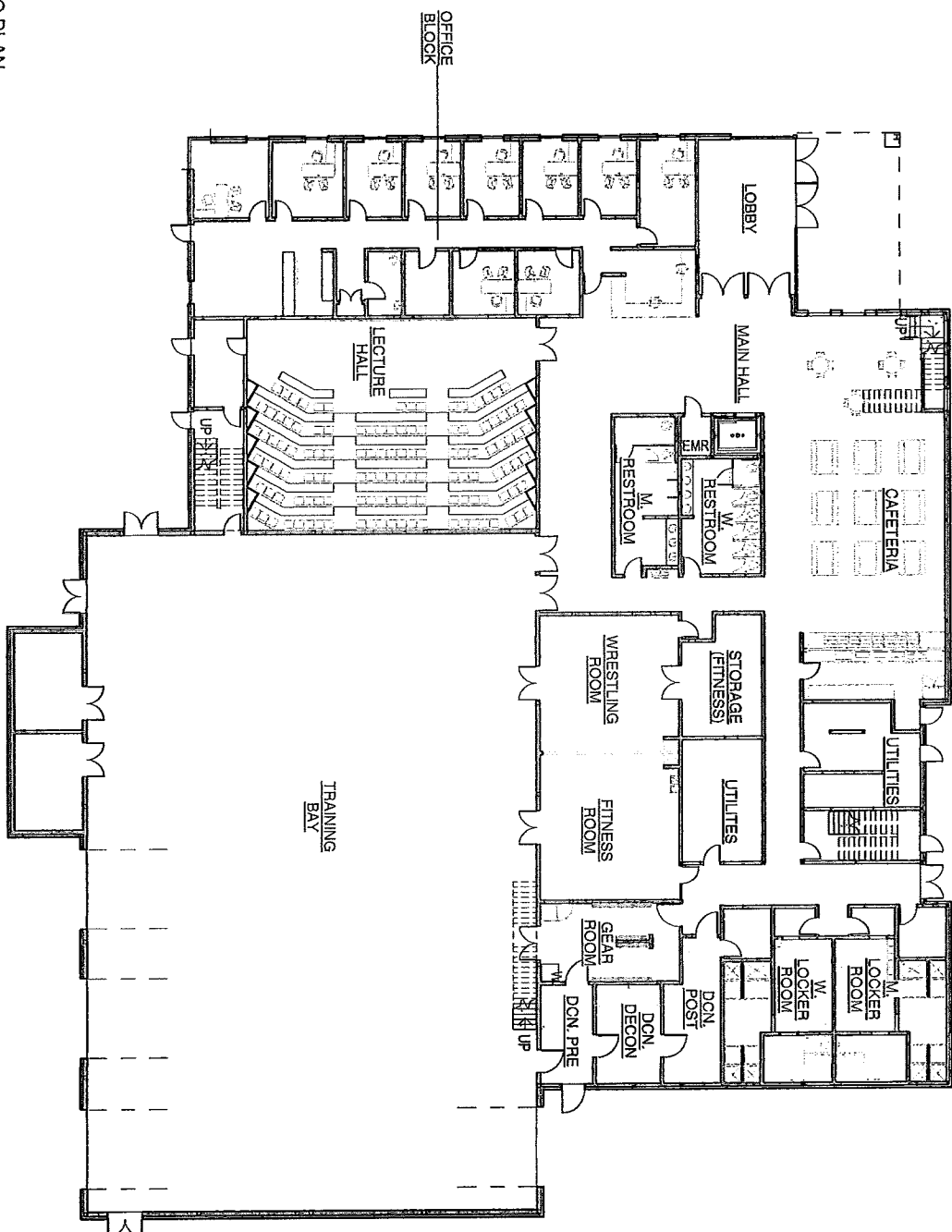
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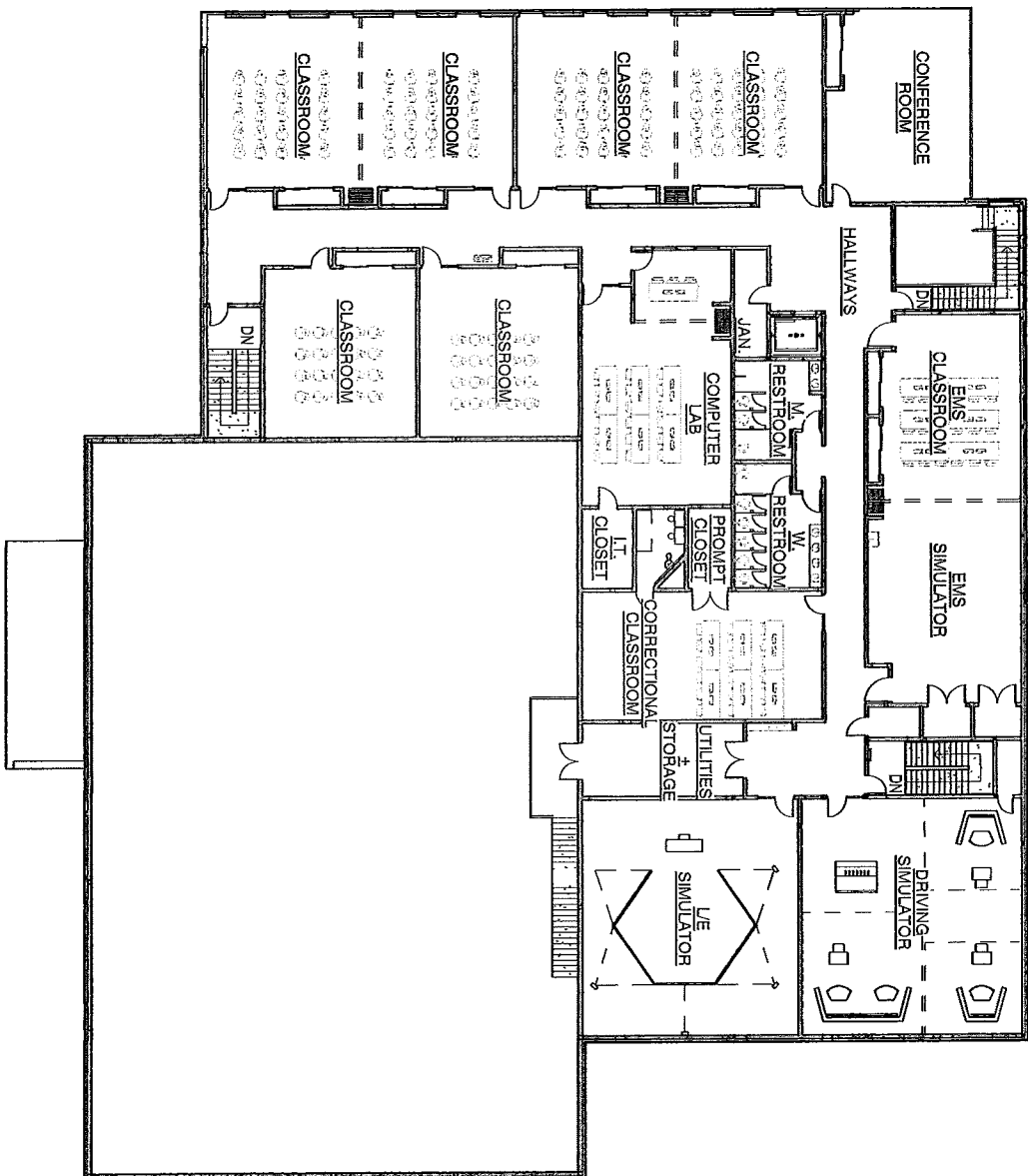
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