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Testimony on
L.D. 756, “An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office”

&

L.D. 799, “An Act to Fund Patrol Positions for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office”

Presented by
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Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
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Good morning, Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

I am State Representative Richard H. Campbell, and I proudly represent District 19, Eddington, Holden, and Orrington. It is an honor to appear before you to speak in support of L.D. 756, “*An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office,*” and L.D. 799, “*An Act to Fund Patrol Positions for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office.*”

It is imperative that funding be increased for the Penobscot County budget to maintain rural law enforcement surveillance due to the decreased coverage from the Maine State Police. In the past, rural law enforcement has been a combination of the Penobscot County Sheriff and the Maine State Police. With the State Police changing their mission, rural coverage is shifted, thus placing further burden on the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I ask that you please consider supporting both L.D. 756 and L.D. 799.