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**In Opposition (in part) of (1492)**

An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center.

Sponsored by Representative Lookner  
Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and other distinguished members of the joint standing committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. My name is Lieutenant Tyler Stevenson, and I am here to represent the Maine State Police and the Maine Department of Public Safety to testify in opposition, in part, of LD 1492, "An Act to Increase the Transparency and Accountability of the Maine Information and Analysis Center".

The Department of Public Safety and the Maine State Police are in favor of making the MIAC as transparent and accountable as their mission will allow. We are currently working with the sponsor to amend the bill so everyone involved will be satisfied. However, there are portions of the bill we have to oppose as written.

The bill creates a position of an auditor within the office of the Attorney General to provide oversight of the Maine Information and Analysis Center. The bill requires the MIAC auditor to maintain a publicly accessible website that includes the auditor's reports to this committee. We don't oppose the reports being publicly accessible, but the reports must be deidentified to protect the identities of anyone involved, ongoing criminal investigations, and any classified information that the MIAC receives and shares. This is important to keep the MIAC accountable to all of its partners to include those that trust and share information with us.

The bill also states that all information shared by the center with a private entity is a public record within the meaning of the Freedom of Access Act. Our private partners represent Maine's critical infrastructure, which are vital to our way of life in Maine. We share information with these partners across a broad spectrum of communities including energy, government facilities, healthcare, education, and many others to highlight and educate them of potential risks and trends locally and nationally. Some of these include cyber threats and trends, known vulnerabilities of facilities, and potential attacks on their facilities, all of which could have a negative effect on the safety and daily lives of the people of Maine. The majority of

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Maine's critical infrastructure is owned by private entities, and the sharing of the majority of this information is categorized as For Official Use Only and therefore should not be shared broadly without an established need and right know. The MIAC is not an investigative entity and does not have a means to collect information itself, meaning the majority of information shared by the MIAC is other entities' information and not the MIAC'S. This information should not be shared with the public without permission from the agency who provided it, as doing so would degrade the trust that our partners have in the MIAC to be good stewards of their information and ensure it is shared appropriately. If we lose the trust of our partners, they will stop sharing information and put our critical infrastructures at greater risk. This is especially true regarding our educational facilities, which fall within the critical infrastructure community. Information is often shared related to the safety and security of our schools and students. Sharing certain aspects of this information with the public would have a negative impact and could potentially make schools more vulnerable to attacks.

I am optimistic that we will continue to work with the sponsor of this bill and amend it in a way that we can fully support.

On behalf of the State Police and the Department of Public Safety, we appreciate your careful consideration of these issues. Thank you for your time, and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Tyler Stevenson

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