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**Testimony of Meghan Russo  
Maine Department of Transportation  
Before the 131<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**

**Neither For Nor Against**

LD 2056

*Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic the Private Merwin A. Delano, Jr. Memorial Highway*

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Senator Chipman, Representative Crafts and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am Meghan Russo, Manager of Legislative and Constituent Services for the Maine Department of Transportation. MaineDOT is neither for nor against LD 2056, *Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic the Private Merwin A. Delano, Jr. Memorial Highway*.

MaineDOT considers the naming of bridges, roadways, and other state transportation infrastructure to be within the purview of the Legislature. Simply put, we build them and you name them. Accordingly, we generally do not take positions on so-called "naming bills." However, we do submit written testimony regarding whether the particular infrastructure under consideration has been named before, and if so what those name(s) are. In this case, we are not aware of any previous legislatively-sanctioned names for this section of roadway.

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