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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury and distinguished members of the Criminal Justice Committee,

My name is Mike Soboleski and Represent District 73 which is many wonderful communities in western Maine. I am here today to strongly Advocate for LD 2204

I have toured some of these sites and the problem is real. For too long it has been ignored by the majority of the media. Over the last few months, I've seen law enforcement starting to take action and I am happy to see that.

I cosponsored this bill because I believe that it is a necessary piece of legislation to empower our prosecutors to do their job effectively. By having the ability to charge for conspiracy, they can fix this problem quickly. Most importantly, they can send a message that this will no longer be tolerated in our state. We cannot rely on politicians in DC to fix this problem tomorrow when it is plaguing our local communities today.

We must take action to fix this on a state level as soon as possible and LD 2204 is the catalyst to do that.

I urge you to take this problem seriously and look into everything this bill has to offer and do what's best for Maine. Our communities, our law enforcement and our neighbors are asking for our help. It is our duty to respond and take action.

Please vote ought to pass on LD 2204 to start the process of fixing this mess and making our streets safe again.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Soboleski".

Michael A. Soboleski  
State Representative District 73

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