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**Testimony of Meghan Russo
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Neither For Nor Against

LD 2239

Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Mechanic Falls the Bill Dunlop Memorial Bridge

Senator Chipman, Representative Crafts and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am Meghan Russo, Director of Government Affairs for the Maine Department of Transportation. MaineDOT is neither for nor against LD 2239, *Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Mechanic Falls the Bill Dunlop Memorial Bridge*.

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 bridge. MaineDOT's current inventory number for this structure is 2540. The structure carries Elm Street over the Little Androscoggin River.

We hope this information is helpful. Thank you.

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