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**Testimony of Meghan Russo  
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Before the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**

**Neither For Nor Against**

*LD 345, Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs the Hope Bridge*

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am Meghan Russo, Director of Government Affairs at MaineDOT. MaineDOT is neither for nor against LD 345.

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 usually 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 3964.

Thank you.