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TESTIMONY OF SHERIFF TROY MORTON MAINE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

LD 514 – Resolve to Raise MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Detoxification Services for Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and honorable members of the Committee on Health and Human Services. My name is Sheriff Troy Morton. I have the privilege of serving as Vice-President of the Maine Sheriffs Association and I am here today on their behalf.

Your Maine Sheriffs have taken the position to **SUPPORT** - LD 514 – Resolve to Raise MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Detoxification Services for Substance Use Disorder Treatment.

Law enforcement and correctional professionals have observed the significant effects of substance use disorder on individuals, their families, and the broader community. In response to the devastating impact of SUD, these professionals have been committed to tackling the issue through a combination of enforcement measures, treatment options, and educational initiatives. Their multifaceted approach aims to mitigate the impact of substance use disorder and promote healthier communities.

There are numerous pathways to recovery that individuals can pursue, including detoxification and treatment services that adhere to best practices. It is essential to ensure that these services receive sufficient funding, as the cost of not providing them can have significant negative impacts on both individuals and society as a whole.

During this legislative session, we recognize that difficult decisions will be made. Supporting the availability of SUD detoxification services not only has the potential to impact lives positively, but it can also contribute to saving funding. Please support organizations that use best practices to combat substance use disorder.

On behalf of your Maine Sheriffs, we urge you to support LD 514. I would be glad to answer any questions you might have now or during the work session.

~ Sheriff Troy Morton