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**Testimony of Meghan Russo
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Neither For Nor Against

LD 610, Resolve, to Designate a Portion of Route 234 in the Town of New Vineyard and the Town of Anson in Honor of Corporal Andrew L. Hutchins

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 610.

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 section of roadway.

Thank you.