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**Testimony of Meghan Russo
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Neither For Nor Against

LD 621, Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Mattawamkeag the Mattawamkeag Veterans Memorial Bridge

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 621.

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 2522.

Thank you.