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Testimony of Representative Michel Lajoie presenting

**LD 1074, An Act to Remove the Limit on the Length of Probation That May
Be Served for Aggravated Attempted Murder**

before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Good afternoon, Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and fellow honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. My name is Michel Lajoie, and I represent House District 96, which includes a portion of Lewiston.

I am here before you today to introduce **LD 1074, An Act to Remove the Limit on the Length of Probation That May Be Served for Aggravated Attempted Murder**.

This is a simple bill that amends the Maine Criminal Code to provide that the period of probation for a person sentenced for aggravated attempted murder be changed to "any term of years."

Currently, there is a limit of four years of probation for those convicted of a Class A crime. This bill would remove that limitation for aggravated attempted murder, providing more protections for victims.

Right now, someone could be convicted, serve their sentence, fulfill their four years of probation and attempt to harm the victim once more. LD 1074 would help ensure that the victim and perpetrator would not come in contact with one another due to the possible lengthened probation term, potentially mitigating any further harm.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.