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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and Distinguished Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, I am Milton Champion, Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety. On behalf of the Department of Public Safety I wish to submit this written testimony "In Opposition To" LD 1164 which is "An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming".

With the current gambling options in Maine and sports wagering being only in its second year, I do not believe that the addition of igaming is warranted at this time. Additionally, with any gambling expansion comes the increase in harm to problem gamblers. As a result of these concerns the current administration is not in favor of any expansion of gambling.

If this extensive new system was to be created, we would need six (6) additional team members to help facilitate it. Thank you for accepting this written testimony and I will be available for the work session.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.C.", followed by a horizontal flourish.