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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and Distinguished Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, I am Matthew Motti, Deputy 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 1838 which is "An Act to Provide Opportunities and Sustainable Revenue for Maine Farms, Agricultural Fairs, Wabanaki Tribes and Veterans' Homes".

This bill will be a major expansion of gambling in Maine. Essentially, we will go from 3,000 maximum machines at both casinos in the state to adding 2,396 additional machines in Maine with this bill. With this expansion, we would obviously need more staff. 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.

Thank you for accepting this written testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Respectfully