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“An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits”

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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Testimony in Support of LD 1816

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. My name is Shira Burns and I represent the Maine Prosecutors Association. I am here to testify in support of LD 1816.

This testimony will be very brief based on the past unanimous support of establishing a statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit tracking system and conducting an inventory of kits. This bill has a fiscal note like all other SAFE kit tracking bills from this session and last session. I just want to emphasize to this committee our support of this bill and to reiterate the priority of getting this bill funded in appropriations to continue the amazing work stakeholders have already begun.

For all the reasons we have supported SAFE kit tracking bills in the past, the Maine Prosecutors Association continues its support with LD 1816.