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Statement in support of

L.D. 1671, An Act to Establish Disclosure Requirements Regarding Law Enforcement Officer Credibility Information

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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. My name is Jason Moen. I am the Chief of the Auburn Police Department, and the immediate past president of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. I am pleased to present testimony on behalf of the Association in support of LD 1671.

The Maine Chiefs of Police Association's mission is straightforward: to strengthen the working relationships among Maine's police leaders, to promote professionalism and consistent standards across the state, and to support the men and women who serve our communities every day. At the heart of that mission is a shared commitment to protecting life and property and upholding the values of our profession.

This bill was introduced at the request of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association because Maine lacks a clear, consistent, and fair process for handling law enforcement officer credibility information, often referred to as *Giglio* material. While agencies and prosecutors are making good-faith efforts, the absence of a uniform standard has resulted in inconsistent practices across prosecutorial districts, unclear expectations, and, in some cases, career-altering consequences for officers without adequate due process.

Over the past year, the Maine Chiefs and the Maine Prosecutors Association have been working collaboratively to build a model policy and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Those conversations have been productive and collaborative, and LD 1671 provides the statutory structure needed to support that work and ensure its consistent application across the state.

LD 1671 accomplishes three essential objectives.

First, it clearly defines what “credibility information” is. These definitions matter. They ensure that agencies know precisely what must be reported — such as sustained findings of untruthfulness, evidence tampering, constitutional violations, or patterns of bias — and they prevent inconsistent interpretations from county to county.

Second, the bill creates a fair and transparent process for officers. When a prosecutor is considering disclosing credibility information to a defendant, the officer must be notified, given an opportunity to provide input, and allowed to request an in-camera review by the Superior Court. This ensures meaningful due process while fully preserving a prosecutor’s constitutional obligations to disclose exculpatory information.

Third, LD 1671 requires both law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to adopt written policies by a date certain. Importantly, it also requires prosecutors to establish a process for removing credibility information that is later determined to be inaccurate or false. This is critical. Without such a mechanism, an officer’s career can be permanently damaged by information that should never have been retained.

Finally, the bill gives officers a clear path to petition the Superior Court if a prosecutor’s office continues to maintain information that is demonstrably false. That safeguard is essential for fairness, accountability, and confidence in the system

LD 1671 is balanced, collaborative, and necessary. It strengthens the justice system, protects defendants’ rights, supports prosecutorial responsibilities, and ensures that officers are treated fairly and with due process.

On behalf of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, I respectfully urge the Committee to support LD 1671. Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.