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I oppose this bill. In the United States and in Maine there is already too much surveillance warrants and arrests, particularly of the most vulnerable families. Once somebody is arrested they're always a future suspect in a system that particularly punishes poverty and mental illness Covid has caused prolonged arrests before there has even been a court conviction. National stories show that we can't rely on transparency in policing and in fact in the legislature now there is not uniform agreement that records of police disciplinary action should be be available. Yet we're ready to continue over policing families creating intergenerational trauma stop. I'm disappointed that the sheriff's all think that more policing it is the answer to a system that's failed us for 50 years, worse we know that increasing militarization of police has been occurring. This over militarization doesn't occur in a occur in a cultural vacuum. we need to shift our priorities to support for vulnerable communities and families. This bill is a step in the wrong direction