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Testimony of Senator Susan Deschambault LD 536, An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Representative Warren and fellow colleagues on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. I am Senator Susan Deschambault and I represent Senate District 32, which includes the lovely towns of Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Dayton, Kennebunkport and Lyman.

I am before you today to present LD 536 – An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code.

The bill was first proposed during the 129th Legislative Session – LD 2037. The Criminal Law Advisory Commission (CLAC) is the primary author and is known as a CLAC bill. A public hearing was held before the CJPS Committee in January 2020 and on March 17 the bill was carried over, due to the pandemic. The CJPS committee held a work session in July and the bill was reported out on September 9, 2020 with an OTP-AM (one ONTP).

LD 536 has been reviewed by CLAC and a representative is available to answer any questions you may have regarding the contents of this bill.

I thank you for your time and consideration.