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Testimony in Supoport of:

LD 1035, "An Act to Prohibit Maintaining Drug-involved Premises"

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. I'm Danny Costain, State Representative for House District 100 which includes the towns of Corinna, Dixmont, Etna, Newport and Plymouth. I'm here today in support of LD 1035, "An Act to Prohibit Maintaining Drug-involved Premises."

I believe this bill to be very straight forward. Any individual who rents, leases or otherwise provides a dwelling and has knowledge of drug related activity, should be a crime. In this case, it would be a Class C crime. The safety of our neighborhoods and the peace we all try to enjoy in our homes shouldn't be compromised by willing participants who knowingly provide an outlet for illicit drug activity.

I encourage you to support this bill as a tool to help law enforcement try to stay ahead of the epidemic that is illegal drug use and to help maintain peaceful and lawful neighboorhoods that we can all enjoy safely.

Please join me in supporting this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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Danny Costain

State Representative