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Representative David McCrea Introducing
LD 1043, An Act Concerning the Unannounced Execution of Search Warrants
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Good morning Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and the very honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. I am Representative David McCrea, I live in Fort Fairfield and I represent the nine communities that comprise House District 148 up in the center of Aroostook County. I am visiting you to present **LD 1043, An Act Concerning the Unannounced Execution of Search Warrants.**

LD 1043 is a very simple bill. I firmly believe that this bill will make law enforcement a bit better. It requires that all municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies shall certify to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy that they have adopted a written policy regarding procedures to deal with freedom of access requests and that such agencies shall designate a trained person to receive these requests.

Additionally, a similar policy regarding the unannounced execution of search warrants shall be adopted by these various agencies.

These policies shall, at a minimum, meet the standards adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Academy.

I believe that there are others who will soon testify who are far more knowledgeable regarding this issue. I suggest that they are the best ones to answer any questions that the Committee may have, however I am happy to take a stab at anything you wish to ask me. I thank you for the opportunity to present **LD 1043.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.