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Statement in Support of  
**L.D. 1447, An Act To Require Training in Racial Issues,  
Racial Justice and Social Issues at  
the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and To Establish  
Additional Requirements for Law  
Enforcement Officers and Candidates**

submitted by  
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Law enforcement agencies in Maine, like so many employers, are finding it increasingly difficult to hire personnel. But this dilemma began in the law enforcement community well before the COVID-19 pandemic began. It is likely to remain with us even after the pandemic has subsided.

Our concern with L.D. 1447 is that the provisions of the bill dealing with employment criteria will exacerbate the problem of finding qualified and interested applicants. We have no objections to the additional training requirements stipulated in the bill.

Therefore, we would ask that if you advance this bill to the House and Senate that you remove the new educational requirements for certification as a law enforcement officer.