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Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and Honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, this testimony is submitted on behalf of the Maine Prosecutors Association (“MPA”). The MPA is OPPOSED to LD 1675, **An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Maine’s Drug Laws.**

The MPA does support sections three through five of the bill, equalizing the treatment of cocaine and cocaine base.

The MPA does not, however, support sections one and two of the bill which ends the ability of a prosecutor to prove trafficking or furnishing of heroin and fentanyl based on weight, no matter what the quantity. Fentanyl and heroin killed 504 Maine people last year. This is not the time to make it more difficult to prosecute people profiting off of fentanyl and heroin.

We urge you to vote in Opposition to LD 1675.

Marianne Lynch
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Testifying on behalf of the Maine Prosecutors Association