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Good morning, distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn. I am Jackie Sartoris, the District Attorney of Cumberland County. I testify in that capacity today in support of LD 1911.

As a prosecutor, when I review a case to file charges, I consider a lot of things. I check to see that I have the police reports I need, whether what is reported by the police supports the charges they recommend, whether the other evidence that I have - victim and witness statements, medical and video evidence - whether that supports the charges, or different charges altogether. Above all, I am concerned with telling a true story to the best of my ability. Telling the truth is the essential job we prosecutors do.

Then I have to make a plea offer. What would the conviction, fine, any jail or prison time or probation include? What