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**Testimony of Speaker Ryan Fecteau
In Support of LD 469
An Act To Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry
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Senator Rafferty, Representative Sylvester and members of the Committee on Labor and Housing, I am Ryan Fecteau and I represent part of my hometown of Biddeford. I also have the distinct honor of serving as the Speaker of the Maine House.

I write in strong support of LD 469, "An Act to Ensure Safety across Maine's Construction Industry."

This legislation requires the state to hold contractors to a common-sense safety standard for public works construction projects. During these tough economic times, Mainers deserve the assurance that their tax dollars are being spent wisely — and this bill does just that. By requiring public works projects over \$50,000 to employ workers with at least 10 hours of OSHA approved safety training, known as "OSHA 10," this legislation shows that we as a state value safety, and that we expect the same from our contractors on public projects. Investing in safety training isn't only about being responsible stewards of our public dollars, it's the right thing to do.

Thank you for considering this important piece of legislation.