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Statement in Support of
L.D. 375, An Act to Create Greater Accountability
in the Office of County Sheriff
Submitted by
Chief Jared Mills
March 8, 2021

Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. My name is Jared Mills and I am the Chief of Police in the City of Augusta. I am testifying today on behalf of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association.

The Maine Chiefs of Police Association is in support of having a mechanism in place for when a county sheriff's actions, if objectionable, can be sent for immediate judicial review. While the overwhelming majority of sheriffs are men and women of integrity, we must all be accountable for our actions. We support LD 375 because we stand behind the promise of accountability and urge you to vote in support of LD 375.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Chief Jared Mills
First-Vice-President