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Thank you Senator Diamond and cosponsors of LD 537. At this time when there is a perceived lack of support for law enforcement, it is refreshing and greatly appreciated to see this bill, which gives due recognition to the Maine State Troopers who gave their lives protecting the citizens and visitors of Maine. From Trooper Emery Gooch In 1924 to Detective Ben Campbell in 2019, 12 Troopers have made the ultimate sacrifice. They have left behind families and friends and lives unfulfilled and cut all too short in their dedication to duty. Enactment of this bill will allow for the placement of tangible reminders, to all who travel the interstate system, of the men and women who leave their families and friends every single day to take the risks inherent in their profession. They are willing to selflessly give not only of themselves, but indeed themselves, in doing their part to keep Maine one of the safest, if not the safest places to live in the USA. Your support of LD 537 will help ensure their sacrifice and legacy is not forgotten. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.