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Joint Standing Committee on Transportation,

I am in support of LD 537.

Out of the 12 Maine Troopers who lost their lives in the line of duty in Maine, my husband was one of them back in 1994. He was a road trooper, a member of the Tactical Team and taught at the State Police Training Academy. He was killed in a vehicle crash while responding to a domestic dispute incident involving firearms.

Fast forward 27 years later, there has been an uprising of violence targeting our officers, whose job is to "Serve and Protect" us. And although my husband's vehicle crash wasn't on the Interstate system, I believe that if this Bill passes, the people who live in Maine or vacation in Maine will be reminded of the sacrifice these families and officers faced every day doing their job.

So, Members of the Committee, please support this Bill and have the State of Maine be a respectful example in honoring these Troopers.

Thank you for your time today.

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