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**Testimony of Meghan Russo  
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Before the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**

**Neither For Nor Against**

LD 1425

*Resolve, To Dedicate a Portion of Route 6 from Lee to Springfield in Honor of Sgt. Blair Emery*

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Senator Diamond, Representative Martin and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am Meghan Russo, Legislative Liaison for the Maine Department of Transportation. MaineDOT is neither for nor against LD 1425, *Resolve, To Dedicate a Portion of Route 6 from Lee to Springfield in Honor of Sgt. Blair Emery*.

MaineDOT considers the naming of bridges, roadways, and other state transportation infrastructure to be within the purview of the Legislature. Simply put, we build them and you name them. Accordingly, we generally do not take positions on so-called “naming bills.” However, we usually submit written testimony regarding whether the particular infrastructure under consideration has been named before, and if so what those name(s) are. In this case, we are not aware of any previous legislatively-sanctioned dedications for this stretch of roadway, but do show that the road has two trail designations on it.

We hope this information is helpful.

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