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Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo, and distinguished members of the committee: my name is Jonathan Wayne, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Ethics Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to testify concerning L.D. 1621. I have not discussed the bill with the members of the Commission. The Commission does not have position for or against the bill.

If a Legislator has a leading role in a political action committee (PAC), Maine Election Law already contains a provision (21-A M.R.S. § 1054-A) prohibiting certain uses of the PAC's funds that would benefit the Legislator. L.D. 1621 proposes to reorganize § 1054-A, add some clarifications, and authorizes rulemaking by the Commission. In the opinion of the Commission staff, L.D. 1621 would be a helpful change to current law and we see no problem implementing it.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.