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*Testimony of Representative Morgan Rielly on*

**LD 108, “An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention”**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs*

Good morning Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. I am Morgan Rielly, and I represent House District 127, which includes part of Westbrook. I am here today to present **LD 108, “An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention.”**

This bill was brought to me by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management (DVEM). DVEM can provide more information during the public hearing regarding Maine’s statistics on veteran suicide and their current work on prevention.

**LD 108** will allow DVEM to release military records to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for suicide reporting. By authorizing the sharing of these records, this legislation will help Maine have a clearer understanding of trends in veteran suicide that can aid the state in developing policies for prevention.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.