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State of Maine Committee on Judiciary  
c/o Legislative Information Office  
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**RE: LD 1943 "An Act To Expand the Address Confidentiality Program to Victims of Certain Human Trafficking Crimes"**

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Harnett, and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Maine Prosecutors Association and the Office of the Attorney General, I am writing in support of the LD 1943 "An Act To Expand the Address Confidentiality Program to Victims of Certain Human Trafficking Crimes."

In 2016, prior to becoming District Attorney, I worked as an Assistant District Attorney specializing in the prosecution of human trafficking. For those who do not know, human trafficking, specifically sex trafficking (17-A MRS §851-§855) and labor trafficking (17-A MRS §304-§305), is a crime in which an individual is forced through compulsion, force, fraud, or coercion to perform prostitution or labor. During that time and continuing through the present, I have worked with and supported many victims and survivors of human trafficking, specifically sex trafficking. Very similar to victims of domestic violence, a power and control dynamic exists between those who were trafficked and the traffickers. Numerous survivors have told me that due to their traumatic experiences, they continue to see the faces of the perpetrators within their communities and daily life, even if the perpetrators are in prison. Many have had their traffickers track them down and contact them years later. This legislation is an important part in the healing process for survivors and can provide them protections from future contacts, because the confidentiality becomes an additional mechanism for safety and security.

Thank you to Senator Bill Diamond for sponsoring LD 1943 and for the Judiciary Committee's review of this important legislation. As stated, the Maine Prosecutors Association and the Office of the Attorney General support this bill and urge the Committee to vote "*ought to pass*."

Thank you for the consideration,

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