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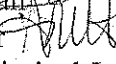
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

To: Sen. Bill Diamond, Senate Chair  
Rep. Emily Cain, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Sen. Stan Gerzofsky, Senate Chair   
Rep. Anne Haskell, House Chair   
Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Re: Priorities for committee bills on Special Appropriations Table

Date: June 4, 2009

Although few of our bills are tabled, those that are on the table are very important. The committee made conscious decisions regarding costs when voting on bills, and many bills were not passed because of their potential costs. Those that made the cut are priorities. That being said, the following is a list of our top priorities from one to four.

1. **LD 633, An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Refusing to Submit to Arrest or Detention**
2. **LD 791, An Act to Prohibit Furnishing a Place for Minors to Use Illegal Drugs**
3. **LD 249, An Act Regarding Bail Defaults and the Extradition Account**
4. **LD 1166, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc task Force on the Use of Deadly Force by Law Enforcement Officers Against Individuals Suffering from Mental Illness**

In some cases, with the help of departments we have been able to identify different funding sources to pay for the costs of tabled bills. Commissioner Jordan of the Department of Public Safety has indicated that forfeiture money is available to fund **LD 1373, An Act to Increase the**

**Safety of Maine Troopers.** We would ask you to please confirm that when discussing the bills. Also, although a source has not yet been identified, the Department of Public Safety is working to find funding to implement the very important training requirements put forth in **LD 1166, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force by Law Enforcement Against Individuals Suffering from Mental Illness.** We will let you know if we hear anything further on this.

We believe passage of these bills is extremely important to the public safety of the people of Maine, and we thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if you have questions.

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