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The 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 415, "An Act To Require a Warrant To Obtain the Location Information of a Cell Phone or Other Electronic Device."

This bill simply goes too far. To obtain location data on a cell phone currently, police obtain a court order. This allows them to access historic – not real-time – location data. Many crimes we all know about would not have been solved, or would have taken significantly more man-hours, if this law had been in place.

The reality is that the problems this bill seeks to address are generally in our country's largest cities or at the federal level. Meanwhile, Maine does not have the resources necessary to fully staff our State Police, let alone inappropriately use cell phone location data.

I support requiring warrants for cell phone content information, such as voicemails or text messages. That is why LD 1377 is law. I support requiring unmanned government cameras to obtain warrants. That is why LD 1040 is law. But this bill goes too far, imposing requirements that are too burdensome at a time of rising crime in our state.

For these reasons, I return LD 415 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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