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2021 Annual Town Report

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been one of my greatest honors representing you the last eight years in the Maine State Legislature. As I begin the second session of my final term, I remain committed to seeing our communities succeed.

During the first session of the 130th Legislature, I am proud to share that two of my bills were signed into law. My bill, LD 467, "An Act To Support E-9-1-1 Dispatchers and Corrections Officers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder," added corrections officers and E-9-1-1 dispatchers to the list of employees for whom there is a rebuttable presumption under the laws governing workers' compensation.

Dispatchers and correctional officers serve the public by performing dangerous, stressful jobs in order to protect us, and they are an important and vital piece of the first responder family. I am thankful for the bipartisan support my bill received and what it will mean for men, women and families impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder.

My second bill, LD 1031, "An Act To Create an Administrative Review Process for Hunting Violations," created an administrative review process for serial hunting offenders, negating the need to have to go to court repeatedly.

I sponsored this bill in response to a 2006 hunting tragedy suffered by a family of South Paris. The family has since worked diligently to expose flaws in the system of license suspension and ensure landowner's rights while protecting due process rights for law-abiding sportsmen and women.

The statutoary adjournment date for the second session of the 130th Legislature is April 20th and as always, please don't hesitate to contact me should you want to discuss issues of state government. I can be contacted at <u>Kathleen.Dillingham@legislature.maine.gov</u> for any questions or concerns you may have.

Again, thank you for the pleasure of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

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