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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

130th Maine Legislature
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333


To Whom it May Concern:

I understand that recently proposed state legislation, Maine State Legislature Bill LD 1278, would eliminate the Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC). This letter serves to inform the State of Maine's residents and legislature of United States Border Patrol (USBP), Houlton Sector's relationship with the MIAC, and how the elimination of the MIAC will affect USBP operations in Maine.

Houlton Sector has had a working relationship with the MIAC since 2018. In this time, the MIAC has provided USBP in Maine with case support, information sharing capabilities, intelligence analysis, training and access to law enforcement databases. The MIAC facilitates efficient information sharing and strong partnerships between USBP and state law enforcement agencies, which increases awareness of illicit activities occurring throughout the state, enhances officer safety, and provides Houlton Sector agents with otherwise unavailable training opportunities.

Houlton Sector does not independently have access to MIAC databases or the ability to perform services provided by the MIAC. Elimination of the MIAC would also eliminate a useful law enforcement resource for USBP operations in the State of Maine.

Sincerely,


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