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To: Penobscot County Legislative Delegation  
From: Penobscot County Commissioners  
Date: March 3, 2022  
RE: Significant Impact of Change to Resource Sharing with Maine State Police

Thank you all for your dedication to the citizens of our County.

As you may have read, there is a major pending change to community resource policing that has been in place with the Maine State Police and Penobscot County Sheriff's patrol since the 1990's.

After much negotiation by the Sheriff with the Regional Command Officer and the senior leadership of the Maine State Police, we will be facing a reduction of rural coverage. This change will likely require a significant on-going expense to the residents of Penobscot County, and we have been given what amounts to an ultimatum that this action will take place by May 1, 2022.

We respectfully request you attend a critical Zoom meeting on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. so the Sheriff and Commissioners can brief you on the situation and circumstances leading to this proposed change.

We will also provide you with a briefing on the situation and status of the current jail and our plans to address the aging infrastructure and the inadequate space to address the needs many inmates present in today's correctional world.

The meeting will be focused and we are asking for a half hour of your time to address this time sensitive, but very important matter.