Chris Whytock Rockland Fire & EMS LD 526

Please accept this testimony as a voice of support for LD 526. As you are all well aware, all emergency services in Maine are at a breaking point with little to no relief in sight. Our departments are struggling to staff ambulances, we are asking more from our taxpayers to pay a fair salary to our employees, and we compete with our mutual aid partners for the small amount of workforce to keep our calls from going unanswered. While I believe this only scratches the surface of a catastrophe that is sitting at our doorstep, this will at least allow some relief to keep the doors open. Thank you for your support

Respectfully,

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