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LD 566

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and Members of Health and Human Services
Committee:

My name is Jon Courtney and I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth.

I am submitting testimony in support of LD 566, An Act to Provide Funding for
Sexual Assault Services.

As a former nonprofit worker, I am intimately aware of the toil and constant depletion that those sector workers experience in trying to maintain their dedication to their work. Sexual assault service workers play a critical role in helping to prevent or address harm within the community fabric - a service that is dependent on both skilled experience and the ability to maintain a sensitivity to the labor. Additionally SA support organizations provide much needed structure but require adequate funding to continue this taxing work. Increased wages will help to both recruit and maintain compassionate workers while guarding against burnout and fatigue.

Thank you for your work. I hope you will support LD 566.
Jon Courtney