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Good morning Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

I am writing today in regards to the proposed LD 94, specifically to discourage the rescinding of the prescribing rights for Physician Assistants. I have been a PA in the great State of Maine for 30 years, starting my career with the Cardio-Thoracic surgeons in Portland as well as many Emergency Departments, Express Care clinics and primary care offices throughout the State. With my prescribing rights I have participated in a vast array of care including acute psychiatric care, pain management and recovery, and extensive primary and emergency care with a consistent record of safety and patient advocacy.

Since the passing of LD 1539 5 years ago I have been running my business, Medical Marijuana Practitioners, providing Medical Marijuana Certifications and education primarily in Southern and Central Maine. In that time I have worked hard to provide compassionate and educated service to my patients, which include Veterans, with a great record of patient satisfaction and safety.

I am nationally certified by the National Commission of Certifying Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and have worked very hard to keep my certification active. Physician Assistants are required to take comprehensive and very difficult exam provided by NCCPA every 7 years as well as 150 hours of continuing medical education annually. Our profession is held to very high standards and I do not see a reason why we should be excluded from Medical Marijuana Certifications.

Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners are used interchangeably in all medical practices in the State and I see no reason why we should be excluded from the Medical Marijuana program.

Therefore I urge the Committee not to support LD 94.

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