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Good Afternoon, My name is Amran Osman; I live in Lewiston, Maine, and I'm sharing my Testimony on LD 1159 An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers. First and foremost, I'd like to thank Representative Laurie Osher for sponsoring this LD because if passed it will impact many people in our community significantly.

These centers have already been established all over the world, and they have worked tremendously in saving lives. There is no loss in establishing these centers, only the saving of lives. As someone who has grown up in Maine, I've seen too many of my peers and community members die from substance use disorder, and its time that we do something about it if establishing these harm reduction health centers can save lives then it should be done

I believe it's essential to pass this bill because There's a need for harm reduction efforts in Maine and this would be a massive step in the right direction this will directly support the goals to reduce overdose deaths in Maine. These centers would reduce improperly discarded syringes, public overdoses, and ems calls by responding to overdoses onsite, and these would all equal cost savings for the community. It has already been established that these centers work its time for Maine to take the initiative and take a step forward and pass this bill.