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I truly believe that this bill needs to be passed! Being someone who has suffered with substance use disorder and needed to utilize substance use treatment in the past and had to go out of state to do so. Thankfully I was blessed enough to have private insurance at the time so I was able to utilize facilities out of state. This is not the case for many people in maine who suffer from substance use disorder. Many of these people seeking treatment have state insurance or no insurance at all. For them to have to wait upwards of a week or more to be able to be admitted into a treatment facility in Maine is unacceptable and most of the time too late. The window of willingness to seek treatment is often short and if not acted on quickly, usually passes before these people are able to access treatment. With how things are currently with the opioid crisis, this could literally be the difference between life and death for these individuals. By adding substance use treatment beds in Maine, more and more Mainers who are suffering would be provided the opportunity for help and substantial recovery.