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Testimony of Jeffrey A. Stone, DO for LD 258: An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee

May 17, 2023

Senator Rotundo, Senator Baldacci, Representative Sachs, Representative Meyer, and members of the

Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Health and Human Services Committees, my name is Dr. Jeff

Stone. I have been a pediatrician for 30 years in my hometown of Waterville and am the founder of

Waterville Pediatrics.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the administration for including funding for the school oral

health program in the change package. Every day as a pediatrician I saw the devastation of the lack of

adequate access to dental care in my patients. I would see kids with multiple dental cavities, painful

teeth, and tooth abscesses due to inadequate or nonexistent dental care. Funding the School Oral

Health Program is crucial in addressing the oral health needs of our children, as oral health plays a vital

role in their overall well-being.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Health and Human Services committee for their

continued support of oral health issues and their commitment to ensuring that our children receive the

dental care they deserve.