

Testimony of Stephen C Mills, DDS, Pediatric Dentist, and Board of the Children's Oral Health Network of Maine, 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.

Senator Rotundo, Senator Baldacci, Representative Sachs, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Health and Human Services Committees, my name is Stephen Mills. I am a semi-retired pediatric dentist who has practiced in Maine for 36 years. In addition, I have had the honor of participating on the Board of Directors of the Children's Oral Health Network of Maine.

I'm testifying to extend my deepest appreciation to the administration for their decision to include funding for the school oral health program in the change package. This investment demonstrates their recognition of the importance of preventive oral health care for our children in Maine. I also want to express my gratitude to the Health and Human Services committee for their continued support of oral health issues by prioritizing this funding during this session.

I am becoming somewhat comfortable with this process and it never ceases to impress me as to your level of commitment to the people of the State. The acknowledgement of the financial needs of this program is just another example of this. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And of course, if you have any questions about pediatric dentistry as it exists here in the State of Maine as well as nationally, I am always happy to help!

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Respectfully and sincerely submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen C. Mills DDS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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