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Senator Joe Baldacci, Chair  
Representative Michele Meyer, Chair  
Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

**RE: Testimony in support of LD 2139- An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.**

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Amy Downing and I am a resident of Smithfield and the Executive Director of both the Maine Pharmacy Association and the Maine Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Collectively, the two associations address the advocacy, continuing education and professional needs of all licensed pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists in Maine. Our mission is to promote public health by advocating for the profession of pharmacy. MPA and MSHP have come together to submit joint testimony in support of LD 2139.

From our perspective it appears as though this bill is meant to close a gap in our current reporting and the Maine pharmacy community has no opposition to adding Schedule V drugs to the PMP. We would not be surprised if some pharmacies are already reporting these drugs as we know most states are required to do so. We do not see that this will cause any issues for pharmacies to add this data to their daily submissions.

The Maine Pharmacy Association and Maine Society of Health System Pharmacists would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have as you move into your work session.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Amy Downing'.

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