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**Testimony Neither for Nor Against  
LD2214, Governor Mills' Supplemental Budget proposal to the 131st Maine  
Legislature**

Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, Senator Baldacci and Representative Meyer and distinguished members of AFA and HHS Committees, my name is Cathy Breen and I live in Falmouth. I'm speaking today as a Spurwink volunteer board member; I have a family member who currently gets adult mental health services at Spurwink.

The acquisition you just heard about is a big, big deal. It's likely the largest change in the landscape of mental health programs in Maine in 20 years. I give the leadership teams of both Spurwink and Tri-County enormous credit for their due diligence efforts over the past 6 weeks. This fast-track acquisition is vital to maintaining mental health services for thousands of Mainers.

However, it comes with one-time costs of approximately \$2 million to keep Spurwink financially whole. As Vice Chair of Spurwink's Board of Directors, which is responsible for the agency's ongoing financial stability, I don't see myself recommending this pending acquisition to my fellow board members without the state's commitment to fill the \$2 million hole over the coming 12 months. I echo Mr. Meyer's request for an amendment to LD2214 that will shore up Spurwink as it undertakes the critical acquisition.

Thank you. I will submit my written comments later today. I'm happy to take any questions.

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