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LD 145

Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier, and distinguished members of the
Taxation Committee,

My name is Anthony Burden, Director of Medical Supplies at Bedard Pharmacy and
Medical Supplies in Auburn, Maine. Our 110+ employees are dedicated to providing
critical medical equipment and supplies to residents across the state.

We strongly support LD 145, which comprehensively addresses the taxation of
medical equipment and supplies. This bill aligns with existing exemptions in Maine
Revenue Services Instructional Bulletin NO. 41, recognizing the essential nature of
medical supplies for Maine residents' health and well-being.

Currently, the sales tax imposes financial and administrative burdens on us for
durable medical equipment and supply items that are not currently tax exempt,
especially since MaineCare and other insurers do not always reimburse this expense.
Removing this taxation will allow us to continue reinvesting in our services for the
community through increased product offerings and coverage area.

We thank you for your support on this bill and for supporting the care of everyone
across the state.

Anthony Burden
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