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Portland  
LD 105

Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services.

I am writing in support of LD 105, “An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians”.

My name is Ann Dodd-Collins. I live in Portland and volunteer with two organizations that support asylum seekers, and immigrants.

LD 105 establishes a pathway for qualified internationally trained physicians to access full and unrestricted licensure in the state. It is a first step in removing systemic barriers that prevent internationally trained physicians from contributing their skills and expertise to the state’s healthcare workforce.

Maine has a shortage of health care workers; many of the postings for health care workers in Maine require bilingual skills. Internationally trained healthcare professionals often have multilingual skills and diverse cultural perspectives. Investing in immigrant professionals strengthens the entire healthcare system.

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 105.

Sincerely,  
Ann Dodd-Collins