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LD 514

Testimony in Support of LD 514

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Honorable Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Patty Tucker, and I am a resident of North Anson, Maine. I am here today to express my strong support for LD 514, a bill that has the potential to save lives by increasing access to treatment beds across our state.

As a mother, I have witnessed firsthand the struggles of navigating Maine's treatment system. By the grace of God, all three of my children are now in recovery, but getting them there was not easy. One of the greatest challenges families face is the lack of available treatment beds when their loved ones are ready for help. As a facilitator for Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) in Madison, I hear this same heartbreaking reality from families every day.

The last time my son needed treatment, he was forced to wait in a hallway, suffering through withdrawal, because there were no open beds. No parent should have to watch their child endure such unnecessary pain, and no individual seeking help should be turned away due to a lack of space. LD 514 would help remove these barriers by increasing bed availability, ensuring that when someone is ready for treatment, they can access it immediately—not days or weeks later.

Maine is in the midst of an addiction crisis, and we must take action to expand resources and save lives. I urge you to support LD 514 and give individuals and families the help they desperately need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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