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Senator Donna Bailey, Senate Chair  
Representative Kristi Mathieson, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0100

Re: *LD 742, An Act to Permit Telehealth Services Across State Lines Following Referral from a Primary Care Provider Based in the State*

Dear Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation's Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation ("OPOR"), an umbrella agency that supports 38 licensing boards and programs. OPOR's sole purpose is to protect the health and welfare of Maine citizens, and it does so by licensing professionals who meet the minimum qualifications in statute, by investigating allegations of unprofessional conduct or incompetent practice, and by imposing sanctions when deemed appropriate. To that end, OPOR submits this letter in opposition to LD 742 as it does not provide state boards the jurisdiction necessary to protect the public.

More specifically, LD 742 seeks to amend OPOR health practitioner licensing statutes<sup>1</sup> authorizing health care providers in another state to provide telehealth services into Maine without a Maine license. A Maine license is what gives a Maine licensing board the jurisdictional authority to investigate and address complaints of unprofessional conduct or incompetent practice. Without a Maine license, there is no jurisdictional authority over an out-of-state licensee providing care in Maine. Additionally, the out-of-state provider's home state will not have jurisdiction over care provided by their licensee to patients in Maine.

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<sup>1</sup>Nursing Home Administrators Board, Board of Chiropractic Licensure, American Sign Language Interpreters, Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy, Board of Licensure in Podiatric Medicine, State Board of Examiners in Psychologists, State Board of Veterinary Medicine, State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors, State Board of Social Worker Licensure, Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, Board of Licensing of Dietetic Practice, Board of Complementary Health Care Providers, Maine Board of Pharmacy, Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure, Athletic Trainers, and Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns, and I would be happy to answer any questions at the work session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Penny Vaillancourt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Penny Vaillancourt  
Deputy Commissioner