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Testimony of the Maine Dental Association
before the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee

LD 806 An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants

In Support
Public Hearing: Thursday, March 13, 2025

Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and Distinguished Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee:

My name is Therese Cahill, and I serve as Executive Director of the Maine Dental Association. The MDA is a statewide association dedicated to advancing excellence in dentistry. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today's Public Hearing.

The MDA represents 75% of the dentists in Maine; there are approximately 700 practicing and retired dentists who are active members of the association.

On behalf of the Maine Dental Association, I am respectfully providing testimony *in support of* **LD 806 An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental Assistants**.

Passage of LD 806 will allow Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDAs) to expose and process radiographs and further help to alleviate issues related to staffing shortages in dental practices across the state. They are well trained for this practice and requiring them to obtain a separate licensure for this is redundant and an unnecessary expense.

Thank you for your time and attention.