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LD 604

Good afternoon,

My name is Joseph Hartel, and I live in Corinna, Maine. I work in business development for Granite Recovery Centers, where I help individuals across the state access life-saving treatment for substance use disorder.

I'm here today to voice my strong support for LD 604, which seeks to ensure that individuals on Methadone have access to intensive outpatient programming (IOP). Methadone is an evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder, and research shows that when paired with therapy, it leads to better long-term recovery outcomes. Despite this, many programs still exclude individuals on MAT, creating unnecessary barriers to care.

Recovery is not one-size-fits-all. Denying IOP to individuals on Methadone undermines their ability to fully engage in treatment and build a foundation for lasting recovery. Passing LD 604 would ensure that all Mainers, regardless of their treatment pathway, have access to the care they need.

I urge you to support this critical legislation and help remove barriers to recovery for those who need it most.

Thank you for your time and consideration