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"LD 875, An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence"

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyers, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, I am grateful to be able to provide testimony supporting LD 875.

As a board member of a Maine Domestic Violence Resource Center, I believe that support of this funding is critical to our state.

Regional Domestic Violence Resource Centers provide critical services and support that are both life-saving and transformative. These services are a vital part of Maine's safety net for victims of domestic abuse, dating violence, and stalking.

We have no doubt that the work of these centers protects lives. Without adequate resources, domestic violence-related homicides—already among the leading causes of violent death in Maine—will likely rise. Please support LD 875, An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence.