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

My name is Jeff Noblin and I am a resident of South Paris in Oxford County, Maine. I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services (SAPARS) of Androscoggin, Franklin, & Oxford Counties.

I am submitting testimony in support of LD 117, An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services.

As a Board member of SAPARS, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible work of these agencies. It is affirming to know that for victims of sexual assault, there are people and resources to help when they are at their most vulnerable. This is why I strongly advocate for LD 117 and would encourage you to support this critical piece of legislation. SAPARS is part of the safety net for Maine and the team of professionals who make up this safety net need your support. The additional funding that would be provided by LD 117, would go a long way to supporting these tireless caregivers.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Noblin, FACHE

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President