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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)

In Opposition to

*LD 710, An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to
Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications*

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in opposition LD 710 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

Municipal officials support the many programs and services available to their residents who are suffering from addiction or who are in the process of recovery.

However, despite the continued provision for requiring municipal consent, municipal officials oppose the expansion of the statute that allows for overdose reversing medications to be stored in a "wall-mounted box or other visible container" to include vending machines as a mechanism for medication distribution on municipal property. While this provision would provide a different type of low-barrier access to these medications, municipal officials feel that the current statute already provides for that access.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact any member of the LPC or the MMA Advocacy team with any questions relating to municipal operations.