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

I am grateful to be able to provide testimony supporting LD 875.

As the board chair of a Maine Domestic Violence Resource Center, I see the support of this funding as critical to our state. Regional Domestic Violence Resource Centers provide essential services and support that are lifelines to people and families experiencing domestic abuse, dating violence, and stalking. These resources include legal and housing services which are vital parts of Maine's safety net for victims that we know protect and save lives.

Without this funding, individuals and families in Maine will suffer. It could mean the loss of secure housing, legal and medical assistance, helpline access, financial support and various other resources that help people navigate a life free of domestic violence and abuse. Without the services provided by Maine DVRC's, 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.