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In support of LD 1166 “An Act to Change the Professional Title and Identification of Physician Assistants to Physician Associates”.

Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, my name is Rhianna Jones. I am a Cape Elizabeth resident, the current Maine Academy of Physician Associates Treasurer and I practice medicine in Scarborough, Maine. As a PA with ten years of clinical practice experience, I am in full support of The Maine Academy of Physician Associate’s effort to change the title of Physician Assistant to Physician Associate. This will keep our profession current with national standards as the American Academy of Physician Associates changed their title in 2021. A name change would illustrate most accurately our medical training and the high standards we hold ourselves to. This does not change our scope of practice but highlights to patients the value of the care they will receive. PAs are united with our healthcare colleagues and providers in a shared mission to provide safe and effective care to all patients. We are rooted in our commitment to transforming healthcare in our country through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.

Thank you for your time,
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