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Good morning, Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. I am here to support LD984.

My name is Keith Moody and I am currently the Physical Education and Health teacher at Woodland Jr/Sr High School in Baileyville. This is my 40th and final year of teaching in AOS 90.

It is an honor to testify before you today and discuss this very important matter. I would first like to thank Senator Marianne Moore for submitting this bill, LD984 - An Act to Require Every State and Municipal Building to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator.

After years of recertification classes in CPR/AED, for coaching eligibility purposes, it has become a passion of mine to promote these devices. I have never used an AED in real time, nor had one used on me, or a family member, praise God. I have no financial connection to any AED company. I just know in my heart of hearts that AEDs increase the odds of a person surviving a medical emergency. I have also advocated for the need of a second AED in our school and would love to share more of that story with you if time permits.

As I have looked into this matter, and listened to first responders locally, I have found that there are state and municipal buildings that do have AEDs, but maybe not all. It has also become clear to me the need for educating the general public via signage (location of the AED) and creating public service announcements both statewide and locally are sorely needed.

I feel strongly that this bill would benefit all Mainers, as well as all of our guests. My hope and prayer is for bipartisan approval of LD984. Cardiac events do not discriminate - Neither do AEDs

Thank you for your time and this opportunity to be heard.
I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this bill.