Cory Reynolds DEXTER LD 176 March 29, 2025

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety,

I am writing to express my strong support for LD 176, An Act to Establish a Regional Ambulance Service in Southern Penobscot County. As a concerned citizen, I am deeply troubled by the struggles our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are facing statewide.

The alarming reality is that people are waiting over 45 minutes for an ambulance, primarily due to staffing shortages. Furthermore, some towns are unable to receive ambulance services from neighboring towns, as evident in Corinth, where the town council voted to restrict ambulance services to only within Corinth. This is unacceptable and highlights the urgent need for a regional ambulance service.

LD 176 aims to address these critical issues by establishing a regional ambulance service in Southern Penobscot County. I firmly believe that this legislation is essential to ensuring timely and reliable emergency medical services for our communities.

I respectfully urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 176. This bill has the potential to save lives and alleviate the suffering of those in need. I am confident that, together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of Maine residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Cory Reynolds