

Testimony in Support:

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 Ronald A Martin. I am a Maine resident, and I practice medicine in Portland Maine at Maine Medical Center. I am submitting testimony in support of LD 1166 “An

Act to Change the Professional Title and Identification of Physician Assistants to Physician Associates”. I am in 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 after extensive research over the course of three years that determined there was a misconception

among patients that PAs on “assist” physicians. Changing of our profession’s title does not change what PAs do or impact our scope of

practice but highlights to patients the value of the care they will receive from them. PAs remain deeply dedicated to revolutionizing healthcare

in our nation through collaborative, patient-focused medical care. We remain united as healthcare colleagues in a shared mission to provide

safe and effective care to all patients through a patient-centered and team-based approach which is why I urge you to vote “ought to pass”

on LD 1166.

Thank you,

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