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## TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

### In Support Of

**LD 507 - *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund LifeFlight of Maine***

**April 15, 2025**

Senator Rotundo, Representatives Gattine and members of the Appropriations Committee, my name is Jeffrey Austin and I am here on behalf of the Maine Hospital Association.

We are testifying in support of LD 507, the LifeFlight Bond.

This is the only bond we are supporting this session.

LifeFlight has played an essential role in the provision of emergency medical services in Maine for over 25 years. It's been roughly 12 years since the last State bond in support of its operations.

Hospitals have invested considerably in the operation of LifeFlight. However, right now, we need your help.

The infrastructure LifeFlight needs to fulfill its mission is in dire need of investment. We feel this infrastructure is no different than any other – road, bridge, port – in Maine. As such, it deserves the same public investment.

The helipads, heliports, fuel depots and communication infrastructure would all benefit from LD 507.

Furthermore, a second aircraft to accompany the single plane now in service – since 1998 – is vital.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

**Please support LD 507.**