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Senator Donna Bailey Representative Lori Gramlich Members of the Health Coverage,
Insurance and Financial Services Committee

Cross State Office Building Room 220, Augusta, Maine 04330

Re: LD 961 An Act to Address Maine's Health Care Workforce Shortage/ Improve Access to Care

Dear Chairman Bailey, Chairman Gramlich, and Members of the Committee:

I have been a Nurse Practitioner since 1998, who works in the Bangor area and lives in Stetson. I am writing to encourage you to support LD 961. I have worked in several hospitals as well as outpatient offices and now in orthopedics. I have had the pleasure of working with physicians, nurse practitioners, & physician assistants over the years from many different practices & specialties.

As you are probably aware, we have a healthcare provider shortage and requiring extra, unnecessary 2 year supervision affects ability to practice as well and encouraging out of state nurse practitioners with and without experience who are fully trained, to move here to practice. It also seems unfair as other advanced practice nurses in this state as well as nurse practitioners in many other states are not required to do this. This bill does not expand scope of practice or allow us to perform tasks or see patients that we are not educated for. This was lifted during the COVID-19 pandemic and there is no evidence that we did not practice safely and no increase in reports to the Board of Nursing, etc then.

Nurse Practitioners provide quality care with excellent patient outcomes as others today will testify. Required supervision is not the same as mentorship, but unfairly inhibits our ability to work. This bill would NOT have a fiscal note. LD 961 would standardize the licensing process for Nurse Practitioners, remove barriers to practice, and significantly increase access to care for Maine citizens. I urge you to unanimously support LD 961. Please call or email if any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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