

## Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

5/5/2025 Public Hearing

LD 1891 An Act to Address the Dental Professional Workforce Shortage by Establishing Scholarship and Loan Programs and Updating the Dental Care Access Tax Credit

Good Afternoon Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and members of the Committee on Education and Culture Affairs

My name is Bonnie Vaughan IPDH, MEd, MBA. I am a dental hygienist and currently I am Executive Director of Kennebec Valley Family Dentistry, a nonprofit dental center in Augusta, Maine .

Our Center serves 80% Maine Care residents and other underserved populations. We have had loan repayment programs for dentists, dental therapists and hygienists. **We fully support LD 1891.**

We receive many many calls everyday from residents who want dental services. We see 40-50 patients every day. We are booked out 12 months for hygiene services and 5 months.

Please support and vote OTP. Thank you for your time & interest. I will be willing to attend the work session.

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