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**Mayor**

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Senator Ingwersen, Chair  
Representative Meyer, Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Maine State Legislature

RE: LD 1425, An Act to Improve Access to Sustainable and Low-barrier Trauma Recovery Services

Dear Sen. Ingwersen, Rep. Meyer and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

As the mayor of Lewiston, I would like to voice my support for LD 1425. We have made substantial recovery progress as a city since the shooting, but there is still work to be done. I recognize the Maine Resiliency Center's profound impact on the healing of the Lewiston community and believe that providing them continued access to funding will support the community's ongoing positive trajectory.

Increased funding leading into 2027 will enable the expansion of essential services for those directly impacted by mass violence.

I appreciate Senator Rotundo for presenting this bill and the committee's time.

Sincerely,

Carl L. Sheline