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LD 2093

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government,

My name is Colleen Brown and I am writing to submit written comment in support of LD 2093, regarding temporary disability for state employees.

I have a family member who works for the State of Maine on a DOT bridge crew. This is physically demanding work, often performed in difficult weather conditions and high-risk environments. Injuries and medical issues are not hypothetical in these roles, they are a real and ongoing risk.

Temporary disability protection matters because it helps keep working families stable when an employee is unable to work for a period of time due to an injury or medical issue. Without adequate protection, employees can be forced to burn through accrued time, go without pay, or face financial hardship at the exact moment their focus should be on recovery and returning to work safely.

Measures like LD 2093 support employee retention, reduce long-term disruption, and demonstrate that Maine values the workers who maintain essential infrastructure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
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