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**LD 2132 An Act to Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982
to Require Compliance with the Statewide Trauma-incidence Registry and
Make Certain Technical and Other Changes
Testimony in Support of Sponsor Amendment
February 11, 2026**

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, my name is Lisa Harvey-McPherson, RN. I am the Vice President for Government Relations at Northern Light Health. I am presenting testimony in support of the legislation with the amendment that was proposed during the Public Hearing on February 11. Northern Light Health member organizations include 9 hospitals located in southern, central, eastern and northern Maine, nursing facilities, air and ground ambulance, behavioral health, addiction treatment, pharmacy, primary and specialty care practices and a state-wide home care and hospice program. Ninety three percent of Maine’s population lives in the Northern Light Health service area. Northern Light Health is also proud to be one of Maine’s largest employers, with nearly 10,000 employees statewide.

Northern Light Health had concerns about the administrative and financial burdens on trauma centers, clinicians, and health systems that would be created by Section 7 of the legislation. Trauma care quality and coordination are essential for Maine, and we are proud of the work of our member organizations do to support these efforts. However, there was not sufficient evidence that the duplicative administrative burdens would lead to improved patient outcomes. We are supportive of the amendment presented by the bill sponsor to strike these proposals and direct Maine EMS to work with the TAC to assess the needs of Maine’s trauma system and develop evidence-informed recommendations.

Additionally, we would like to express our support for comments from LifeFlight of Maine regarding concern that the bill adds “emergency medical services educator” and “emergency medical services training center” to the list of entities required to be licensed by the Emergency Medical Services’ Board. There is potential that imposing burdensome administrative training requirements through a separate license and creating new costs will exacerbate already challenging workforce struggles of EMS providers, without a clearly defined benefit. Additionally, under current EMS Rules Maine EMS can already authorize Training Centers and licenses Instructor Coordinators for “emergency medical services courses leading to licensure in Maine for education for licensure.”

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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