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Senator Donna Bailey
Representative Kristi Mathieson
c/o Legislative Information Office
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RE: LD 2166, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing

To the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services:

On behalf of the Maine Youth Camp Association ("MYCA"), the non-profit organization representing most of 170 camps throughout Maine, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of LD 2166.

Children's camps are an important part of the fabric of our state, providing an outdoor educational experience for children from Maine, from across the country and around the world. Maine is the leader for children's camping. The first camps were established here more than 100 years ago. Today, children's camps in Maine serve an estimated 40,000 children annually and about half of all camper days are filled by Maine children. In a normal season, Maine youth camps are responsible for approximately \$500 million of economic activity.

The Department of Health and Human Services rule that govern the operation of youth camps, Rule 208, requires a residential youth camp to have a Maine licensed adult health supervisor onsite. This individual can include a nurse practitioner (NP) or registered nurse (RN). The language proposed in the rule that is part of this Resolve will streamline the delegation of medication management in the camp setting when an RN is not immediately available for dispensing necessary medications to campers, while at the same time preserving and protecting camper safety.

We would be happy to provide the Committee with any additional information.

Sincerely,



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