

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**  
**Testimony in Support of LD1714**

Hello, Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry, and members of the Committee on Taxation, my name is Glenn, I am a resident of Mexico, ME I am here to testify on behalf of LD 1714 An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue

I am Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) and the Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS) Liaison for Oxford County.

The Recovery Centers in Oxford County provide a critical entry point for someone seeking services They provide a low barrier, supportive environment that is confidential and non-threatening for someone seeking information, resources, recovery coaching and connection with a community of people recovering

While providing critical supports for people and affected others suffering from substance use, Recovery Centers unfortunately are frequently in a state of hustling to find the financial means to pay keep their doors open, pay their utilities, their staff and sustain programming. This means frequently managers and staff are spending precious time and creative energy fundraising, that could be used to work with individuals, educate the public and increase programming

As the OPTIONS Liaison for Oxford County, the Larry Labonte Recovery Center and the HILLS Recovery Center play an important role in providing connection for individuals, friends and families affected by substance use disorder **They are a precious resource that provide community which is the cure for this deadly epidemic**

That is why I support LD1714

Respectfully,

Glenn Gordon