

Testimony of Cindy L.

In Support of LD 2084, An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crime

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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Cindy L., I am from Portland, and I am writing in support of LD 2084 and the need for funding to maintain essential victim services in Maine.

Testimony:

Because there is Through These Doors, I could leave my abusive partner. I am forever grateful for their services. I got connected and worked with advocates to plan my escape. Staff are friendly and supportive, I could reach out to them, their hotline is crucial. There are shelters to keep us safe. I stayed there for a long while until I was able to have my own housing situated. In fact, now I still receive Through These Doors Transitional Housing Program rental assistance. This is a buffer and safety net while I am trying to rebuild my life. I hope there are continuous sufficient funds to help the victims and survivors until we can end all domestic violence. Otherwise, life could be extremely difficult with unbearable suffering.