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Testimony in support of LD 2126 An Act Relating to Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses

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To: Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

- Senator Donna Bailey Chair
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- Senator Cameron Reny
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Good afternoon Senator Donna Bailey and Representative Anne Perry. My name is Juliana L'Heureux, past president and legislative committee member with the ANA-Maine. The American Nurses Association of Maine is a non-profit 501 © 3 professional association with 602 members and representing nurses in all license levels. ANA-Maine is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association (ANA). It was the American Nurses Association that established the Maine State Board of Nursing with legislation passed 109 years ago, in 1915, to create the licensing board

for Registered Nurses. Our association has supported the professional development provided by the Maine State Board of Nursing in its mission to protect the public health, and welfare in the area of nursing practice and oversee the integrity of the nursing profession. ANA-Maine supports *An Act Relating to Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks of Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses*, because nurses are highly trained to provide health education, and disease prevention best practices to our patients, and to assist their families and partners to understand a prescribed care plan. We teach caregivers how to help plan and carry out our responsibility to manage quality patient care. This bill will provide a framework for delegation, and a definition of "unlicensed assistive personnel". The State Board of Nursing will be required to adopt routine technical rules concerning delegation as it considers necessary to ensure access to quality health care for patients. Nurses are advocates for our patients and ANA-Maine supports delegation to unlicensed assistive personnel consistent with our scope of practice as regulated by the Maine State Board of Nursing.

Thank you Representative Perry for sponsoring this legislation because updating Maine's laws regarding delegation responsibility will help expand quality health care by including unlicensed assistive personnel in the nursing process.

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