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Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and the esteemed members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee,

I am here today to present LD 123, "An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons." This bill replaces the requirement that a person must complete a practical evaluation of emergency medical treatment skills to be licensed with a requirement that they must complete an assessment of emergency medical treatment skills approved by the Emergency Medical Services' Board. The bill before you updates Maine's lagging standards, bringing them into conformity with the model supported by the National Registry of EMTs. In my conversations with Joe Kellner, the Chief Executive Officer of LifeFlight of Maine, he noted that "The correlation between the old testing model and success in the field is unknown but subjectively limited. We know the new method does well at predicting success, is well proven and widely accepted."

During this hearing, you will hear why the bill before you is necessary, from the organizations it will impact most. I hope you agree with us and ask you to vote ought to pass.

Thank you for your time.