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Chairman Joe Young Committee on Finance Maine State Legislature

Dear Chairman Young and Esteemed Members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Ryan Bullock, Chief Strategy Officer of Aeroflow Health, and I am writing in strong support of LD 145, which seeks to eliminate the sales tax on durable medical equipment and breast pumps. This bill is a necessary step toward making essential medical and healthcare products more affordable for Maine residents who rely on them for their well-being and daily functioning.

Durable medical equipment (DME), such as wheelchairs, walkers, and oxygen tanks, is not optional for those who need it—it is vital to their independence, mobility, and quality of life. For individuals with disabilities, seniors, and those managing chronic illnesses, the additional cost of sales tax on these necessary devices creates an undue financial burden, particularly for those on fixed or limited incomes. Removing this tax would help ensure that all Mainers have equitable access to the equipment they need without unnecessary financial hardship.

Similarly, breast pumps are a critical tool for new parents, supporting infant nutrition, maternal health, and breastfeeding success. The cost of these devices can already be prohibitive for many families and taxing them only adds to the financial stress faced by parents. By exempting breast pumps from sales tax, Maine would be promoting public health and supporting families in their choice to provide optimal nutrition for their infants.

LD 145 represents a compassionate and practical approach to public policy—one that prioritizes accessibility, health, and economic fairness. I urge you to support and pass this bill to remove unnecessary financial barriers for those who need these essential medical supplies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

/s/ Ryan Bullock Chief Strategy Officer Aeroflow Health