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## THE MAINE SENATE 132nd Legislature

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Testimony of Sen. Cameron Reny introducing

## LD 1200, "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Items Intended to Be Used to Inhale Nitrous Oxide for Recreational Purposes,"

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Monday, April 14, 2025

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, I am Senator Cameron Reny, and I represent District 13, which includes most of Lincoln County and the towns of Washington and Windsor. Today, I am presenting <u>LD 1200</u>, "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Items Intended to Be Used to Inhale Nitrous Oxide for Recreational Purposes."

I introduced this bill at the request of a constituent who will speak to you shortly. Thank you in advance for hearing her story about how these items have affected her life.

LD 1200 will prohibit a person from intentionally or knowingly selling or distributing to another person a device that contains nitrous oxide or is intended to be used to inhale nitrous oxide for recreational drug use purposes.

There are exemptions in the bill for dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, physicians, and physician assistants who administer nitrous oxide in accordance with their scopes of practice. This ensures the bill will not impact the use of nitrous oxide in medically necessary situations.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

**Cameron Reny** 

State Senator, District 13

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Representing Lincoln County and the towns of Washington and Windsor