

Senator Ingwersen,

Representative Meyer,

and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Health and Human Services.

My name is Zoey Levesque

I am 11, almost 12 years old

and I live in Greene.

I am here to testify in support of LD 1425,

An Act to Improve Access to Sustainable and Low-barrier Trauma Recovery Services.

I am here as a survivor of the shootings on October 25, 2023.

After the shootings my mom and I started going to the resiliency center.

I was scared and didn't know what to expect, but everyone there is so welcoming and kind.

Even though I play sports and go periods of time without being able to go to the weekly group, I like that they are always there so I can be around others who relate to what I am going through.

When I don't know where to turn or something happens that might be really hard or triggering for me,

I am glad I have the Resiliency Center.

It really does make a difference to have a safe place to go for support,

and I think other people who are going through something hard would be really happy to have this kind of support too.

Noone should feel alone when dealing with trauma.

I urge you to vote for LD 1425 so they can continue helping those that need it.

I'm happy to answer any questions.

Thank you.