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Dear Senator Moore and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I am writing in support of LD 1989, *An Act to Increase Access to the Progressive Treatment Program Fund*.

Progressive Treatment Programs play an important role in ensuring continuity of care for individuals with serious mental illness, particularly when court involvement is necessary to support treatment engagement. Allowing reimbursement for the legal costs associated with both the initiation and renewal of these programs helps stabilize existing services and prevents program disruption due to administrative or legal cost barriers.

I appreciate that this bill recognizes the real and ongoing legal expenses associated with maintaining these programs and provides a mechanism to help providers sustain them, subject to available funds. In a system already strained by workforce shortages and limited resources, maintaining existing treatment pathways is critical.

As this program continues, I encourage the Department of Health and Human Services to remain attentive to equitable access across the state, particularly in rural and underserved areas, and to consider how future policy decisions might further expand treatment capacity and availability beyond administrative support.

Thank you for bringing this forward and for your continued attention to mental health services in Maine.

Respectfully,

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