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## **Testimony of the Maine Ambulance Association Before the Maine Health Coverage and Financial Services Committee in Support of LD 2128**

An Act to Reorganize the Emergency Medical Services Board to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

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Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Distinguished Committee members of the Health Coverage and Financial Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Michael Senecal, and I serve as President of the Maine Ambulance Association and Senior Director for MaineHealth EMS and I had the privilege of serving on the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

I am here to express my support for LD 2128, which implements key recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission. The Commission determined that the current EMS Board structure no longer reflects the realities of Maine's EMS system and recommended restructuring to ensure proportional representation across all service models—including for-profit, nonprofit, hospital-based, municipal, volunteer, fire-based, and non-transporting services. LD 2128 fulfills this recommendation by modernizing the Board's composition to better represent today's EMS landscape and by strengthening regional input into statewide decision-making. This restructuring will also allow the Board to be more nimble, responsive, and aligned with its true statutory intent as the executive oversight and system-execution body for emergency medical services in Maine—ensuring governance that is more balanced, efficient, and reflective of the needs identified throughout the Commission's work

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions.

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