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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)

In Support of

LD 2119, *An Act to Expand Reimbursement for Treatment in Place,
Community Paramedicine and Alternate Destination Transport*

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2119 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC).

LD 2119 recognizes a longstanding need for adjustments to ambulance service treatment models and reimbursements, concepts identified as vital in 2017 with the launch of the Community Paramedicine pilot program. In response to the lack of funding for these much needed, and successful, programs, MMA put forward a platform bill during the first session, LD 1530, to include "non-transporting emergency medical services" in 24-A MRSA §4303-F, sub-§1. Representative DeBrito's bill repeals that section and completely replaces it with new language that requires reimbursements for the vital services of emergency transport, treatment in place, community paramedicine care, and alternative destination transport. This proposal was unanimously supported by the LPC.

This session, MMA's platform bills focused on workable solutions to decrease the overreliance on the property taxpayers for the delivery of vital services. Codifying reimbursements for these community options aligns with the policy priorities of municipal officials and reduces the need for property taxpayers to bear the full burden. You will hear testimony from community leaders that illustrates exactly how vital these reimbursements are to the continued provision of local EMS services.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the MMA Advocacy team with questions relating to municipal operations.