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**TESTIMONY OF RENEE FAY-LEBLANC MD  
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L.D. 2233**

**An Act to Combine the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board  
of Osteopathic Licensure into a Single Licensing Board for All  
Physicians and Physician Associates  
Before the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services**

**March 18, 2026**

I have served on the BOLIM since 2020 and have been acting as chair since July 2025. For the last 18 months, I have been involved in the workgroup discussing the merger between BOLIM and BOL. I offer this testimony as an individual physician, not on behalf of the BOLIM board. The mission of both BOLIM and BOL is to protect the health and welfare of the people of Maine by ensuring that those who are licensed to practice medicine or render medical services are ethical, professional and competent. The boards fulfill their missions through licensing, regulating, and educating physicians and physician associates.

It has been an honor to work with the members of BOL, BOLIM and supporting staff through the workgroup. Meeting monthly, we have discussed what a board merger might look like and have listened to feedback from the public. Through this work, we have drafted a written report and draft statute which was presented to you in January. These documents come after much discussion, some healthy disagreements, and ultimately, a way forward as one united board. As a member of the workgroup, I feel we have developed a proposal that not only protects the public but allows increased collaboration between osteopathic and allopathic physicians and better utilizes available staff resources.

The work is not finished, and the workgroup has continued to meet and discuss plans in case this legislation passes. I look forward to continuing to be part of this important process and thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments regarding LD 2233.

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