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Senator Heather Sanborn, Chair  
Representative Denise Tepler, Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0100

**RE: LD 172 An Act to Improve Prescription Information Access**

Dear Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler, and Members of the Committee:

LD 172 *An Act to Improve Prescription Information Access* is identical to LD 2116 that was considered by the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation did not take a position on LD 2116 and takes no position on LD 172 for the same reasons described in my letter on LD 2116 dated March 2, 2020, which I have attached.

LD 2116 was voted out of committee ONTP and the Committee sent a letter to the Board of Pharmacy requesting the Board consider an educational outreach to licensees to make them aware of available technology and accommodations to assist their visually impaired clients. Unfortunately, the timing of this request coincided with the Covid-19 public health emergency (PHE) when the Board was consumed with matters related to the PHE and unable to fulfill that request. The Board is planning to address this matter at its February 4, 2021 meeting and will undertake an outreach effort immediately following. The Board also plans to send a letter to update the Committee on its efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We would be happy to answer questions at the work session.

Sincerely,

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