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Testimony of the Maine Dental Association  
Before the Health Care, Insurance and Services Committee

In Support of

**LD 25, An Act To Modify the Qualifications for Resident Dentist Licensure**

Public Hearing: Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler, and Distinguished members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee,

My name is Angela Westhoff and I serve as the Executive Director of the Maine Dental Association. The MDA is a statewide association dedicated to advancing excellence in dentistry.

The MDA represents 85% of the dentists in Maine; there are 774 practicing and retired dentists who are active members of the association.

On behalf of the Maine Dental Association, I am pleased to provide testimony in support of **LD 25 An Act To Modify the Qualifications for Resident Dentist Licensure**.

Simply put this bill removes existing barriers and ensures that individuals who have earned their doctoral degree and are pursuing advanced general dentistry training may participate in residency programs in various practice settings in Maine.

Additionally, for many years dentist residents from NYU – Lutheran spend a week in Washington County providing free dental care to countless children and people in need.

This is an important bill and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass. Thank you for your time and attention.