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Representative Tepler Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Committee State House Augusta ME 04332

*Re: LD863 An Act to have Maine Join the Interstate Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to Improve Telehealth Options for Psychologists and their Patients* 

Dear Representative Tepler and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Committee:

I am writing to ask you to support LD 863. This bill is to have Maine join the Interstate Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to Improve Telehealth Options for Psychologists and Their Patients.

I have a client struggling with significant depression whose family member passed in MA and they had/have to go help take care of the remaining relative over several weeks. The continuity of care during this grief period would be beneficial.

Another client, whose family member is in hospice in NH, is visiting for weeks at a time to assist in care taking for their family member prior to their passing. Being able to provide needed support for the patient during this time with more flexibility would also be beneficial.

I urge you to support Maine joining PSYPACT for improved continuity of care.

Best regards,

Chantal N. Mihm, Psy.D.