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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 had to get a temporary license in NJ and NH to see clients via telepsychology who went there during the pandemic. I saw a client in FL and CA by telehealth, as their laws allow temporary practice without a state license. I recently saw someone in CO in the same way. One of my clients is driving weekly from MI to IN to see me via telehealth because I have a license in IN (and would have to apply for full licensure in MI to continue seeing her where she lives).

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

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Best regards,

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