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Gentlepersons,

I am writing to you to endorse my support for the LD 47 Act planned to be submitted on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 to the Maine Legislature.

This message is to tell you that I am writing to support the hard work and efforts of The Portland Community Free Clinic. As a psychotherapist I have been fortunate to find a way to serve our community in a place that truly cares about those less fortunate who need both medical and mental health care. This Clinic is devoted to all those who come to serve with quality care donated by volunteer doctors, nurses, and professionals who truly are compassionate and seeking to make a positive difference in our community.

I have been a part of these efforts working at the Clinic for about 8 years, having the utmost respect and admiration for the staff and all those I have ever worked with through the years. There is as well an intangible element to what is provided. Dignity, honor, kindness, and dedication to take care of all who come to the Clinic are paramount. The Clinic is dedicated to take care of people who are needful in multiple ways. There is such goodness that makes a difference. We offer hope and ways for people to help themselves. We guide and show a human connection. We give medical care, referrals for needed services, continuing follow on care with continuity. We receive patient's thanks. That is our reward for being a part of the community in a meaningful way. I am honored to volunteer my time and work with patients and all those at the Clinic who cooperate together on behalf of the people who come through our doors, call, and in these days virtually when possible.

We are only as strong as our weakest link. I hope that you will support the efforts to fund the Portland Community Free Clinic. It is a valuable link to our future in the greater Portland area, now more than ever.

Respectfully Submitted,

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