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Good Morning. Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and esteemed members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Simonne Maline, I am the Executive Director of the Consumer Council System of Maine (CCSM). I am here today on behalf of the CCSM to testify neither for nor against **LD 629: Resolve, To Establish the Task Force to Study to Improve Safety and Protection From Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Providers.**

The Consumer Council System of Maine is a public instrumentality written into State Statute by the Maine Legislature to serve in an advisory capacity and to provide legislators with guidance and advice regarding the delivery of effective and appropriate adult mental health services from those served by them.

We would ask that the Task Force membership also include:

1. A member of the CCSM.
2. A recipient of mental health services.
3. A representative from a statewide protection and advocacy organization that represents patients.

By including the afore mentioned persons, we strongly feel that this will greatly enhance the Task Force's ability to be able to obtain the knowledge and expertise needed to make better informed and sound recommendations on this very important issue as stated in this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Simonne Maline,
Executive Director



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