



April 14, 2021

Senator Breen
Representative Millett
Senator Claxton
Representatives Brennan, Craven, and Warren
Health and Human Services Committee
State House
Augusta ME 04332

*Re LD197 Resolve to Ensure that Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access
Pandemic Stimulus Funds*

Dear Senator Breen, Representative Millett, Senator Claxton, Representatives Brennan, Craven
and Warren, and HHS Committee members:

The Maine Psychological Association (MePA) is a membership organization representing
psychologists in Maine who work in private practice, at Maine's colleges and universities, and in
the public sector. Our mission is to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a
means of promoting health and human welfare.

MePA supports LD197 to require the Department of Health and Human Services to designate
\$15,000,000 of federal COVID-19 stimulus funding allocated to the State, pursuant to a federal
law, for community mental health providers, including psychologists.

Expanding access to psychological treatment, psychotherapy, and other mental health services
will have a far-reaching positive impact on health outcomes for generations. Thank you for your
attention to this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Cooper".

Thomas Cooper, PsyD
President