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Testimony in Support of LD 1333

An Act Concerning the Dispensation of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services

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Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

My name is Jay Bradshaw. I live in Belgrade and I serve as the Executive Director of the Maine Ambulance Association, a non-profit trade association committed to improving and supporting Maine's EMS system. Our members include emergency medical services of all sizes and corporate structures, and from every corner of the state.

Our association has long supported the administration of naloxone by EMS providers and were pleased to learn about Committee Amendment A during today's public hearing that will expand the role of EMS and allow dispense and distribute naloxone as directed by Maine EMS and the Medical Direction and Practices Board.

We also support adding an emergency preamble that will enable our members to begin this expanded life saving role as soon as possible.

If passed and enacted, we will be pleased to work with Maine EMS to develop and distribute educational material.

Thank you for the ability to include our support in the record of LD 1333 and to your thoughtful consideration and affirmative votes.