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Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

My Name is Lorraine Klug and I am the current President and Legislative Chair of the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association. I am here today to testify in support of LD 1501. What better way to have all Mainecare children have access to preventative oral health services than to have them provided at school if they have no provider. I personally have worked in school systems in Hancock county and it is a perfect scenario because there are no travel considerations and the child is right there so there is no issue with failed appointments like in private practice. The children are also more at ease because they are in a safe zone they are familiar with. This would allow all children with Mainecare to have access to dental cleanings, fluoride and sealants which are the basics of preventive dental services for children. This is a win win for the children of Maine!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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