



February 28, 2022

Senator Claxton
Representative Meyer
Health and Human Services
State House
Augusta ME 04332

Re: LD 1693 An Act To Advance Health Equity, Improve the Well-being of All Maine People and Create a Health Trust

Dear Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer, Representative TALBOT ROSS, Senator VITELLI, and Representatives: EVANS, MEYER, MILLETT, NEWELL, PERRY, and Senators: CHIPMAN, and HICKMAN:

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 *LD 1693 An Act To Advance Health Equity, Improve the Well-being of All Maine People and Create a Health Trust*.

This bill establishes the Trust for a Healthy Maine and distributes that money to state agencies to fund tobacco use prevention and control, ensure adequate resources for other disease prevention efforts, promote public health, plan and deliver public health and prevention programs and services.

MePA also supports the trust governance by a 15-member board of trustees composed of the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and 14 members appointed by the Governor **as described in our written testimony for LD 1523.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Pratt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamie" and last name "Pratt" clearly distinguishable.

Jamie Pratt, PsyD
President