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Senator Curry, Representative Roberts, and honorable members of the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business:

**RE: Testimony on LD 612: An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine**

My name is Sam Hurley and I am the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services, Maine EMS, within the Department of Public Safety.

I am writing this letter in opposition to LD 612, “An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine” on behalf of Maine Department of Public Safety and Maine EMS.

Maine EMS currently has a pathway by which persons from other states who are holding a license in can seek licensure in the State of Maine. We do not feel that this law is necessary as the Board of EMS has already enacted provisions within their rules that allow for persons holding licensure in other states to gain licensure in Maine based on our existing regulatory practices.

This legislation may inadvertently lessen the Maine EMS Board’s authority to protect the safety and welfare of the Maine people by ceding authority from them and potentially altering the requirements that candidates must satisfy to become licensed in the State of Maine. It is important to note that due to the great deal of variability between licensing entities (i.e., medicine, nursing, EMS, etc.) this has sweeping implications. In some respects, Maine has significantly more stringent standards for licensure than other states for some license types. Therefore, mandating that licensure bodies recognize these specific provisions as the requirements for licensure could place the health and safety of Mainers at risk. Many Maine

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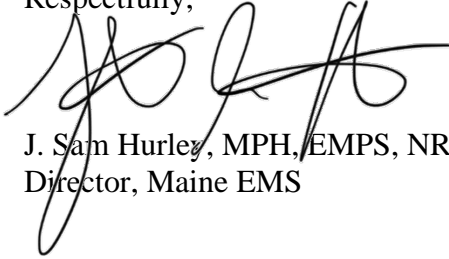
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licensing bodies require additional components that are not covered under this statute but vary by entity based on the needs of those specific licensure types (i.e., EMS vs. polygraph technicians).

Maine EMS appreciates your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that I may be able to address. You can reach me by emailing me at [j.sam.hurley@maine.gov](mailto:j.sam.hurley@maine.gov) or calling (207) 620-6698.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Sam Hurley', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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