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Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development,  
Economic Advancement and Business  
Legislative Information Office  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Attn: Clerk Jodie Breton

**Re: Support of LD 149**

Dear Chair Curry, Chair Roberts, and Members of the Committee,

Barbara Lamont supports LD 149, An Act to Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions.


My father arrived in the US in 1951 and was extremely fortunate that his medical school credential from Lithuania was safe-housed in New York during WW2 and he was thus able to apply for a medical residency and go on to a long medical career in the US. Others are not so lucky when they emigrate to the US from war torn nations and are forced to take jobs that don't make use of their credentialed skills.

Attracting expertise to the State of Maine is a key element of the State's economic and workforce expansion. The State must also make full use of the expertise that is already here, and work to keep it.

The Strategy proposes a variety of actions, including engaging workers in continuing education for career advancement (Action A4), increasing labor force participation of existing residents (Action B1), and attracting new workers from beyond Maine's borders (Action B2). LD 149 advances each of these strategic actions.

I urge passage of LD 149.

Sincerely,



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