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RE: Testimony in support of LD1012

Good morning Senator Dill and Representative Landry and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. My name is Adelyn Bryant, and I live in Mechanic Falls, ME, where I am a member of Tri-Town Girl Scout Troop 30. I appreciate this opportunity to voice my support for LD1012, which will help support animal rehabbers across the State.

The reason why this bill is important is because it provides rehabilitators consistent funds for the services they pride. There are many reasons why it is important. Example one: the rehabbers pay for the medical bills, the cleaning supplies, enclosures, blankets, and food. When you add up all the costs for everything it takes to operate, it comes out to be a lot of money. Especially if you are taking in multiple animals at once that might all need different equipment and medication. It is hard to predict what those costs will be year-to-year, because they can vary depending on what it needs.

Reason Two: the rehabilitators take time to take care and release animals that were sick, in bad health, or hurt. A lot of animals that are brought to rehabbers are hurt animals that were found on the side of the road or possibly in a backyard. Sometimes if they get brought to the vet or even animal shelter, and they may not know or specialize in

wildlife care, so that's when Rehabilitators step in to help, because they have the training and supplies to do so.

Reason Three: Rehabbers take in a wide variety of animals, and some are more dangerous than others. For example, mice are generally harmless and can be easier to care for than a porcupine, which has the danger of quilling someone who is trying to care for them, or even beavers which require a diet rich in iodine. Rehabilitators can take in a wide variety of animals all at one time and must be prepared to meet all their needs. Essentially, it is important for rehabbers to receive funding, because it takes effort and time to take care of all the animals. They open up their home to animals they've never met before. Rehabilitators have to feed, bottle feed, and make food for all the animals and it might get difficult to maintain the financial resources for food, medical bills, and more. A rehabber may have to make a difficult decision to euthanize animals due to the cost of their care.

In conclusion, I support this bill because I think it is important for animal rehabbers to be reimbursed and financially supported so they can continue to care for animals brought to them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.