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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 Paige Tetreault, and I live in Minot, 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.

Animal rehabbers are important to the State of Maine because they take care of animals from the wild. Animals may come to a rehabber when they have either been injured, are sick, or may have been abandoned by their parents for some reason. These animals get to the rehabbers by individuals in the community as well as being brought in by State Game Wardens. Rehabbers use their skills and resources to help restore these animals back to good health in order to hopefully release them back into the wild.

There are currently over 40 animal rehabbers in the State of Maine. Animal rehabbers currently have to privately fund or raise funds on their own to be able to provide the care necessary to rehab the animals they take in. All of the costs for caring for these animals adds up quickly and resources are not infinite. Therefore, it would be beneficial for the State of Maine to provide funding to the animal rehabbers to defray some of the costs of animal rehabilitation in order to maintain the State of Maine's natural wildlife.

In conclusion, funding from the State of Maine is essential for the ongoing services provided by animal rehabbers as well as the maintenance of the state's wildlife population and well-being.

Thank you for your time and consideration.