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***Testimony of Rep. Donna Doore supporting  
LD 1405, An Act To Regulate, Tax and Control Sports Wagering  
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs***

Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo and members of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, I am Representative Donna Doore, representing a portion of our Capital City in House District 85—welcome to my district. I am here today to speak in support of **LD 1405, An Act To Regulate, Tax and Control Sports Wagering**.

For many years in Maine, summer meant swimming in our lakes and ponds, enjoying our wonderful state's natural resources and attending local agricultural fairs. For as long as I can remember, harness racing has been a mainstay at many Maine agricultural fairs. There is nothing more fun than watching a race with family or friends who have a horse in the race.

Under LD 1405, sports wagering companies coming into Maine would be required to work with brick-and-mortar businesses like tribe-owned facilities, casinos, commercial tracks or off-track betting facilities.

By supporting this bill, we keep more of the money that is spent on sports wagers here in Maine, employ Maine residents, generate tax revenue, purchase goods from local businesses, support our local communities, support our agricultural fairs and - of course - help preserve Maine's harness racing industry.

Thank you for supporting this bill and thank you for your time. I am happy to answer questions from the committee.