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Timothy Terranova Executive Director Board of Licensure in Medicine 137 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0137 Rachel MacArthur Executive Secretary Board of Osteopathic Licensure 142 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0142 BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

Dear Mr. Terranova and Ms. MacArthur,

As you know, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services recently considered LD 805 Resolve, to Direct the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure to Conduct a Study Regarding the Feasibility of Combining Those Boards. As drafted, this bill directs the Board of Licensure in Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Licensure to conduct a study regarding the feasibility of combining into a single board that licenses and regulates physicians and physician assistants. While committee members support a feasibility study and understand that the boards have already begun preliminary work on a study, members do not believe legislation is necessary to authorize the boards to conduct such a study. We are writing to ask that the boards continue the work you have begun on the feasibility of combining the boards and ensure that all stakeholders are included, including allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, physician assistants and representatives of their statewide associations.

We ask that you submit a report no later than January 15, 2026 with your findings and recommendations related to the feasibility of combining the boards so that the committee may determine whether to submit legislation based on your report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or our legislative analyst, Colleen McCarthy Reid. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sen. Donna Bailey

Senate Chair

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