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TESTIMONY OF GORDON H. SMITH, ESQ. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

IN SUPPORT OF

DOUGLAS S. CARR FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DIRIGO HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 29, 2011

Senator Whittemore, Representative Richardson and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services, I am Gordon Smith of East Winthrop, Maine testifying today in support of Mr. Carr's nomination on behalf of the Maine Medical Association, which I serve as Executive Vice President. The Association represents nearly 3500 physicians, medical students and residents in training. The mission of the Association is to support Maine physicians, advance the quality of medicine in Maine, and promote the health of all Maine citizens.

I have known Doug Carr for over twenty years, both through his work here at the State House and through his voluntary activity as Board member and then President of the Maine Cancer Foundation. I served with Doug on the Cancer Foundation Board and found his leadership to be exemplary. He has been very generous with his time in volunteering with the Foundation and other charitable organizations. I have always found Doug to be fair, transparent and grounded in good values.

Given his long history of working with many different organizations and his always striving for collegiality and collaboration, Mr. Carr is well suited to assist the Dirigo Board as it continues to confront and address the many challenges facing the Board and health care in Maine in general.

We believe that Mr. Carr has both the temperament and the content expertise to make a substantial contribution to the work of the Board and I encourage you to give him your unanimous approval

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.