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To Central Service technicians of Maine,

On behalf of the people of Maine, it is my pleasure to recognize Central Service technicians for their contributions to hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, and surgical patients of Maine.

Hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers across Maine use tens of thousands of reusable surgical instruments every day. Central Service technicians are responsible for ensuring that equipment and instruments used during surgical procedures are properly disassembled, decontaminated, cleaned, inspected, sterilized, and reassembled prior to the next patient's use. Clearly, this is a critical component in the delivery of quality patient care.

As is well known, today's surgical instruments are highly complex; they involve numerous tiny channels and crevices that can hide debris. Central Service technicians may go unnoticed; however, they play a most important role and are responsible for first-line processes to prevent patient infections.

I would like to thank Central Service technicians for their noble work and their dedication to patient safety. Their jobs are important to the health and well-being of many Mainers.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
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