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Written Testimony of Leland Glynn

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In Support of LD 539

An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with Acquired Brain Injury

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

I urge the legislature to pass LD539. This is a common-sense bill. As an advocate regarding brain injuries in the state of Maine, I have seen first hand, the intersection of substance use and acquired brain injury. The early promise of narcotic overdose recoveries with Narcan sprays has been accompanied by the understanding that the recoveries may come with significant brain injuries. This bill will provide counselling services to MaineCare recipients concerning SUD and it is another piece of the puzzle of reducing and addressing the incidence of SUD/Brain Injury.