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LD 199

Testimony before the Joint Standing Committee of Health and Human Services on LD 199 on March 28, 2023 in support of LD 199, Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program.

Senator Joseph Baldacci, Representative Michele Meyer, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ann Dodd-Collins and I am a resident of Portland. I am testifying in support of LD 199, An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program. As a retiree, I am blessed to have the time and energy to volunteer with Greater Portland Family Promise and at the Preble Street Teen Center. I spend time with people, those who are U.S. citizens and those who hope to one day become citizens, who cannot afford health care. This bill would ensure that all low income Mainers, regardless of their citizenship status, would have access to MaineCare coverage. To me, health care is a right and should be available to everyone, not just those who can afford it or who happened to be born in the United States. Health care for all is a matter of fairness and equity.

Please vote Ought To Pass on LD 199.

Sincerely, Ann Dodd-Collins