

**Testimony in Support of LD 199**  
**“An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the**  
**MaineCare Program”**

Hello Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. My name is Scott Harriman and I am writing in support of LD 199, “An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program.”

I speak as someone who has benefited personally from expanded MaineCare coverage. Before I qualified for MaineCare I was either uninsured or covered by high-deductible plans that made it prohibitively expensive to access healthcare. This all changed after Maine voters approved an expansion of MaineCare coverage to more people (including myself), a change which was finally implemented in 2019.

Since enrolling in MaineCare, I have been able to address several chronic physical issues that greatly limited my ability to work and contribute to society. I am now able to do more than I have in many years, which is a direct result of the regular care that I am able to access.

I want all my friends and neighbors -- including those who are immigrants -- to have this same opportunity. We all pay taxes and we should all be able to benefit from the programs those taxes support. Ensuring that all income-qualifying Mainers can access MaineCare will allow others in similar situations to my own to access the healthcare they need to help them reach their full potential.

Please vote Ought To Pass on LD 199. Thank you for your time and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

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