

Testimony of Patricia Collins

In support of

***LD 1726: An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families
sponsored by Senate President Troy Jackson***

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Patricia Collins. I am a physician and a parent, and I live in Falmouth. I'm testifying in support of LD 1726 An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care and Working Families.

Child care educators are integral to the develop of our young children and key supports for families in Maine. Reliable, safe, nurturing care allows parents to re-enter the workforce, ultimately helping the state's economy and growth. Our child care educators not only supervise our children to keep them safe but teach them vital skills and foster their early development. Increasing state supported funding will help expand access to families across the state and allow families the peace of mind to know their children will continue to be well cared for.

Please vote in support of LD 1726,
Patricia Collins