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LD 18

Testimony in Opposition to LD 18 An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers

To: Co-Chairs Senator Beebe-Center and Representative Tavis Hasenfus and members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

From: Adrienne Horne

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Dear Co-Chairs Senator Beebe-Center and Representative Tavis Hasenfus and esteemed members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, my name is Adrienne Horne and I am a resident of Appleton, Maine. I am writing to testify in opposition to LD 18 An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers.

As someone who has struggled to afford health care, I understand the risks of decreasing access to medical care. I have the ability to travel to find more affordable options as well as work a higher-paying job to pay for the costs, unlike my neighbors who are residents at corrections facilities. Allowing the Department of Corrections to increase health care fees by five times the current cost is a dangerous proposal that threatens to take away access to the only option for life saving medical and dental care as well as prescriptions, medications, and prosthetic devices.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will join me in opposing LD 18 and prevent the increase of health care fees by the Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Horne