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I am writing in regards to the need to insure that the COLA is included in the upcoming fiscal year. Our system of providers has been faced with staffing shortages that often paralyze the service system, create long waitlists, and jeopardize the health/safety of thousands. I urge the committee to include the funding for COLAs that have been already been approved and recognized as essential.
Thank you for supporting our direct care force and people with disabilities in Maine.