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LD 167

Dear Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

My name is Margaret Myatt, and I am writing in strong support of LD 167. As someone who is hard of hearing, I understand firsthand the importance of hearing aids in daily life. Hearing loss impacts communication, employment opportunities, education, and overall well-being.

Currently, many individuals who rely on MaineCare may not be able to afford the cost of two hearing aids. Providing only one hearing aid is not a sufficient solution—most people with hearing loss need two in order to hear effectively. Without proper amplification in both ears, individuals struggle with sound localization, speech comprehension, and background noise management, leading to isolation and reduced quality of life.

This bill is a necessary step toward ensuring equal access to essential healthcare. No one should have to go without the hearing assistance they need simply because of financial barriers. I urge you to support LD 167 and help improve the lives of MaineCare members with hearing loss.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Margaret Myatt