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Senator Ingwersen, Chair
Representative Meyer, Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
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Re: LD 327 – *An Act to Provide Additional Funding to Support In-home Personal Support Services for Qualified Senior Citizens*

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

I'm writing to provide information about LD 327, which would appropriate additional funds for MaineCare Section 19, the home and community-based waiver program for older adults and individuals with physical disabilities.

Currently, we have no wait list for Section 19. The program serves just over 3,000 individuals and continues to accept applications from qualified persons, who must meet MaineCare financial requirements and have functional needs that would otherwise qualify them for nursing home level of care.

While support for this critical program is certainly appreciated, additional funding would not have any impact on services, since we are able to continue serving all qualified applicants.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information about Section 19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Saucier", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Paul Saucier, Director
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