

To Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and the Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

My name is Janet Cordier and I am writing in support of LD 709 which permanently establishes the Respite for ME Program, and LD 815, which funds it.

Respite for ME enabled us to pay for the help we so desperately needed, and allowed my husband, Bob to pursue his love of playing the organ at a local church.

He could enjoy a little time away from me and know I was being well cared for.

He has been my sole caregiver since my stroke almost five years ago.

He has devoted himself to my care day and night.

It has been quite a burden for him to keep up with everything inside and out!

We can't say enough good things about Becky Hاديaris at Southern Maine Agency on Aging. She has gone out of her way many times to ensure we understood everything and helped us in every way possible.

It's so nice to know someone actually cares!

Please consider reestablishing this wonderful program.

Sincerely,

Robert and Janet Cordier