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I would like to ask the committee for a vote of ought to pass on LD 814. As a Board member of The Aroostook Agency on Aging passage of this bill would help greatly to reduce the cost to the State if used for preventative health care. The reason that Agencies on aging exist is to help the elderly ,among us, live in the homes and communities where they have lived for most of their lives. If this bill is past and appropriated, it would save the State in the long run from paying out a lot more, if these people had to go to a nursing home or other nursing facility for their care. Funding to the programs the Agencies on Aging provide are essential to let the elderly stay as long as possible in their homes. Right now, one of the areas where funding is needed the most is meals on wheels. Most of Agencies have a waiting list of hundred of elderly Mainers who need the nutritional food that is essential to healthy living. In home care is essential for the well being of people who need the peace of mind that providers give.

Thank you for your consideration to this bill ,and once again I would ask that you vote Ought To Pass on LD 814