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I strongly support the passage of LD814.

Medicare Parts A/B/D, Medigap, Medicare Advantage, MaineCare, Medicare Savings Program, employer plans, VA, etc.As health care choices for older and disabled Mainers have become more complicated over time, helping people to make the best decisions for their circumstances is absolutely critical.

For several years now, I have been a volunteer Medicare counselor for the Southern Maine Agency on Aging. The Agency has 22 volunteers who do this valuable work.

My counseling is completely disinterested - I have no financial stake in the decisions made by the people I advise. I've saved people literally thousands of dollars by guiding them to health plans that meet their needs at the lowest cost. But more than that, I am helping them to find solutions that make their lives easier, healthier, and hopefully more enjoyable and productive, for themselves and their families. I feel that this is a wonderful service to my fellow Mainers.

LD814 is a good investment. It would expand the Agency's capacity to provide counseling like mine. The more people we can reach, the healthier our communities will be - and what could be more important to the quality of life for all of us who live here in Maine?

Thank you for your hard work on the citizens' behalf. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony.