

Rousseau Management Testimony **Against** the Proposed Legislation LD 979

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- I'm not going to touch upon the myriad of problems and concerns that people have already brought up from previous testimonies, but I am going to paint a picture of who Rousseau Management is and how these unfunded regs would affect us and other providers.
- Our continuum includes 187 assisted living beds, 65 nursing & rehab beds, and in home care services. We provide daily care for 250+ residents and we employ 270 individuals. The majority of these residents are on Mainecare.
- We are living and working in an era where Mainecare is already extremely underfunded and these newly proposed regs would simply raise those costs, how does this make any sense? If you guys want to dive deeper into the numbers, I am happy to have a separate meeting.
- I like to think these proposed regs were well intended but I am having a really hard time trying to figure out how.
- I testify today and ask the committee to not pass these proposed unfunded regs as it will no doubt cause additional closures across our industry further hurting one of Maine's most vulnerable populations, our elderly.
- Instead, the committee should consider developing a collaborative relationship with providers to determine how to strengthen our industry and get our healthcare system back on the right path.

Thank you for your time.

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