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LD 1688

Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and honorable members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee -

My name is Louise Secordel, I live in Scarborough, and I am in support of LD 1688, which encourages medical professionals to learn about infection-associated chronic conditions during their required continuing education.

These conditions—like Long COVID, chronic Lyme disease, and dysautonomia, among others—affect millions of Americans but can be difficult to diagnose and are often missed or misunderstood by healthcare providers. This legislation would help fill a knowledge gap for important, under-researched conditions that are likely to increase over time. What's especially concerning is that these illnesses can develop from common infections that anyone can catch, and early diagnosis is key to better outcomes. Equipping providers with updated information on these conditions is a relatively low lift and a win-win for everyone.

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 1688.
Thank you,
Louise