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LD 1746

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Nikki Williams and I live in Portland. I am writing in support of LD 1746.

Dental disease is the most common chronic disease in children, affecting their overall health, well-being, and school performance. But, access to dental care remains extremely limited, especially for MaineCare recipients.

This bill supports comprehensive mobile dental care in coordination with the CDC School Oral Health Program (SOHP). It replicates a successful, enhanced SOHP model integrating local dental providers into schools, offering children more comprehensive services. While it can be sustained by insurance reimbursement, this model needs startup funding to be adapted in other counties.

Please support this important bill.

Thank you,
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