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My name is Abby Rockwell and I am an occupational therapist at Gallant Therapy. We are seeing more and more therapists leave outpatient settings in favor of hospitals, nursing homes, and inpatient facilities, where reimbursement rates are more sustainable. Without regular, cost-of-living-based rate adjustments and equitable treatment in insurance contracts, outpatient clinics like ours—regardless of size—will continue to struggle.

I respectfully ask that you consider removing the "25 practitioner" cap and instead consider language that prioritizes outpatient practice settings, which are often the most accessible and cost-effective points of care for families with commercial insurance.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to supporting Maine's independent healthcare providers and the families we serve.