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LD 1785

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 1785, An Act to Encourage Competition by Requiring Independent Health Care Provider Cost-of-living Adjustments in Health Insurance Contracts

Greetings Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Honorable Members of the HCIFS Committee,

My name is Erica Pond Green from Naples, Maine. I co-own a physical therapy practice in Bridgton, Maine with another Maine PT.

I am writing my testimony because as the sole practitioner it is hard to find time for administrative duties within the day. As reimbursement has not kept up with rising costs, I feel the pressure to dedicate all of my day to seeing patients to make ends meet.

None of my business costs have stayed stable. Rent, utilities, staff salary, insurances have all increased. But reimbursement is not staying the pace. Additionally as a small practice near a hospital, I have absolutely no chance of negotiation with payers. It's a take it or leave it situation. I have already had to drop one payer due to such a poor reimbursement rate proposal.

Private practice physical therapy has been the gold standard for quality care for years. Non corporate or non hospital physical therapy is rarer to find now because it is nearing a financially tipping point due to low reimbursement rates.

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