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LD 1932: An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services January 20, 2026 Good afternoon, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and esteemed members of the Health and Human Services Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of LD 1932: An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development

My name is Rebecca Hill and I am a case manager at Independence Association. Our mission is to support those with intellectual disabilities to live full and independent lives within their chosen communities. I personally serve 30 clients, located in Brunswick, Bath, Lewiston, Auburn, Portland, and towns in between. Each of my clients lives in a place they have chosen, where they work, play, and feel like they can be a contributing member of their communities. This would absolutely not be possible without the dedication and support of the DSP's who work with them. The people who work to help my clients reach their goals put a lot of care into what they do. They spend time getting to know each individual and gain the trust of the clients to best support them in become more independent each day. Unfortunately, some of our best and brightest staff do not stay long. This is due to the fact that they are not paid a fair wage for the hard work they do. This leads to turn over in staff and a lack of support for the vulnerable population we serve. Without good, well compensated staff, an entire group of our community may fail to reach independence. Because of this, I urge you to support LD 1932.

Thank you,