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To: Co-Chairs Senator Ingwersen and Representative Meyer and members of the Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Adrienne Horne

Hearing date: January 20, 2026

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Ingwersen and Representative Meyer and members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

My name is Adrienne Horne, I am a resident of Appleton, and I am writing to you to share my support for LD 1932 and supporting essential care workers in Maine.

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Thank you for considering my testimony and for all the work you do. I hope you join me in support of LD 1932.

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