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In opposition to

LD 2177 An Act to Update and Improve the MaineCare Reimbursement System

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

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Good afternoon, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and esteemed members of the Health and Human Services Committee. My name is Mary Miller. I am the VP of Public Relations and an occupational therapy assistant at Gallant Therapy Services. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to LD 2077 An Act to Update and Improve the MaineCare Reimbursement System.

I am testifying today to share how Section 3 of LD 2177 would affect our ability to plan, stabilize services, and continue supporting the individuals and families who rely on us.

Section 3 (4) of LD 2177 impacts our ability to secure and retain staffing needed to sustain and deliver services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or brain injuries under MaineCare. Section 3 states that reimbursement adjustments are subject to the availability of appropriations. This language allows the Department to reduce, delay, or eliminate COLAs and to reduce or eliminate rate adjustments from five-year redeterminations, even after rates are studied, finalized, and scheduled. This makes the future uncertain and unstable for providers who are working hard to provide services to these vulnerable Mainers.

I am asking you to please fight for Mainers with ID and Autsim and the dedicated providers who care for them by removing language that would make the MaineCare Rate Setting System, and thus any specific service reimbursement for delivering vital care and support to individuals with disabilities, subject to available appropriations from LD 2177.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mary Miller