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LD 2177

Good morning,

As you may know, the public hearing for LD 2177, An Act to Update and Improve the MaineCare Reimbursement System, has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health and Human Services Committee, Room 209 of the Cross Building.

While the bill makes several technical changes to the MaineCare rate-setting system first adopted and codified in 2022, Section 3 and related provisions would roll back progress made through rate reform by making both rate determinations and COLAs contingent on appropriated funds. After two years of delayed and reduced COLAs—and ongoing delays in budgeting and funding newly revised HCBS service rates—these changes would further undermine predictability and stability for providers and the services they deliver.

I am here with a written testimony in opposition to LD 2177.