



Testimony of Leopold Ndayisabye

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 morning, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and esteemed members of the Health and Human Services Committee.

My name is Leopold Ndayisabye, and I am the Chief Executive Officer of OneLove Homecare, LLC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to LD 2177, *An Act to Update and Improve the MaineCare Reimbursement System*.

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

Who We Serve

OneLove Homecare provides vital Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to adults living with autism and other developmental disabilities. We currently operate group home programs across Androscoggin, Cumberland, and York counties. Our residents are not just clients; they are members of our community who rely on stable, consistent care to

*Concerns with Section 3, Subsection 4 of LD 2177*

Predictable, funded reimbursement rates are essential for the stability and quality of healthcare, particularly in home and community-based services (HCBS) and long-term care. Without them, providers face significant challenges in workforce retention and service continuity.

Importance of Predictable, Funded Rates

- **Long-Term Stability & Quality:** Predictable funding allows providers to invest in staff training, quality improvement initiatives, and essential technology, which directly correlates to better residents' outcomes and safety.



- **Workforce Retention:** Stable funding ensures competitive wages, reducing high turnover rates among direct care workers in Home Support Services, which is crucial for maintaining a reliable, skilled workforce.
- **Operational Security:** It helps organizations maintain financial health while navigating rising operational costs, preventing the need to scale back services or compromise on care quality.

#### Closing

Our ability to provide this level of care depends entirely on a predictable and sustainable reimbursement system. The changes proposed in Section 3 create uncertainty that threatens the stability of our programs.

I urge the committee to consider the real-world consequences this legislation would have on the continuity of care for Maine's most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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