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Senator Bailey, Chair  
Representative Mathieson, Chair  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services  
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Re: LD 2202 — *An Act to Require Notice to the Attorney General Prior to the Merger of Certain Health Care Entities as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State*

Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information in support of LD 2201, *An Act to Require Notice to the Attorney General Prior to the Merger of Certain Health Care Entities as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State*.

This bill requires a health care entity to provide notice to the Maine Office of the Attorney General about a pending merger or acquisition at the same time that it is required to notify the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) or the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, pursuant to federal law.

The Department supports this bill as a reasonable approach to ensure the Maine Office of the Attorney General is provided with the same notice of a health care merger as is given to the FTC so it can determine if a state analysis regarding antitrust implications should occur. Antitrust reviews are important regulatory steps to avoid inappropriate consolidation of delivery system entities, and this proposal is an appropriate and meaningful addition to review certain transactions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Montejo".

Bill Montejo  
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