



**Maine Medical  
Association**



**TESTIMONY OF THE MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
AND  
THE MAINE OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION**

**In Support Of**

**LD 2208 An Act To Offset Federal Cuts To Healthcare Insurance For Certain Maine  
Families and Seniors**

Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services  
Room 220, Cross Building, Augusta, Maine  
Thursday, February 26, 2026

Good Afternoon, Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services. My Name is Anne Sedlack, and I am the Director of Advocacy at the Maine Medical Association. I am submitting this testimony in favor of [LD 2208](#) An Act To Offset Federal Cuts To Healthcare Insurance For Certain Maine Families and Seniors, on behalf of the Maine Medical Association and Maine Osteopathic Association.

The Maine Medical Association (MMA) is a professional organization representing more than 4,300 allopathic and osteopathic physicians, residents, and medical students in Maine. MMA's mission is to support Maine physicians, advance the quality of medicine in Maine, and promote the health of all Maine people. The Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA) is a professional organization representing more than 1,200 osteopathic physicians, residents, and medical students in Maine whose mission is to serve the Osteopathic profession of the State of Maine through a coordinated effort of professional education, advocacy, and member services in order to ensure the availability of quality osteopathic health care to the people of this State. The MMA and MOA's legislative committees have joined to advocate with one voice. We have all determined that testifying in support of [LD 2208](#) is important for several reasons.

We are fully aware that the effect of H.R. 1 or "One Big Beautiful Bill" has already led to cuts to essential reproductive health care, but it will also lead to thousands of Mainers losing coverage in the very near future. Currently, roughly 400,000 Mainers rely on MaineCare, and there are estimated to be 31,000 disenrollments in the first year of this legislation taking effect.<sup>1</sup> These disenrollments will result in more Mainers being uncovered and increasing costs for hospitals, patients, and healthcare clinicians.

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<sup>1</sup> [Department of Health and Human Services - MaineCare](#)

This will also be particularly devastating for many rural communities. Currently, many rural hospitals and clinics are facing financial hardships and closures. The last thing these institutions and communities need is a new, unforeseen financial hardship.

While we are aware that this bill carries a large fiscal note, we firmly believe that these costs are minimal compared to the long term ramification of H.R. 1. According to the Maine DHHS, “Nationally, these Medicaid cuts amount to nearly \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. That includes an estimated \$5 billion in cuts to Maine.”<sup>2</sup> These cuts have the potential to be devastating for the long and short term future of Maine’s public health. The time to act is now.

Finally, we would like to thank Speaker Fecteau for bringing this bill forward, and we urge you to vote in favor of LD 2208.

Thank you,

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<sup>2</sup> [Rural Health Transformation Program](#)