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**Testimony in Support of**

*An Act to Offset Federal Cuts to Health Insurance for Certain Maine Families and Seniors– LD 2208*  
February 26, 2026

Good morning, Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and honorable members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. My name is Adam Bloom-Paicopolos. I am a resident of Wells and am proud to serve as the Executive Director of the Alliance for Addiction and Mental Health Services, Maine (the Alliance). The Alliance is the statewide association representing 34 of Maine's community-based behavioral health agencies who provide mental health and substance use services to over 120,000 children, adults, and families annually. The Alliance advocates for sound policies and evidence-based practices that enhance the quality and effectiveness of our behavioral healthcare system.

**The Alliance strongly supports LD 2208, “An Act to Offset Federal Cuts to Health Insurance for Certain Maine Families and Senior” and thanks Speaker Fecteau bringing this critical legislation forward.**

H.R. 1 cuts nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid nationally—an estimated \$5 billion to Maine over the next decade. As you all know well, Medicaid is the single largest payer of behavioral health services in the country, funding a quarter of all mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

The changes created by HR 1 mean that upwards of **50,000 Mainers could become newly uninsured**. Maine's community-based behavioral health providers, which depend disproportionately on MaineCare revenue, are particularly vulnerable. While the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is an important step towards providing relief, on its own it will not be enough to close the gap to ensure that community providers can continue to maintain access to lifesaving services.

LD 2208 and the Speaker's amendment provides an additional level of support for activities and providers in the RHTP, establishes much-needed stabilization funds for the MaineCare program, and protects the insurance coverage of thousands of Mainers. This support is much needed across our entire healthcare system to make sure that children, families, and adults across all Maine communities can continue to access care at a time of unprecedented cuts from the Federal government.

The Alliance respectfully urges the Committee to support LD 2208. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Bloom-Paicopolos".

Adam Bloom-Paicopolos, MPP  
Executive Director