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LD 2196

As a primary care physician that practices in York County, and as a resident of Arundel, I am reaching out to urge the committee to oppose LD 2196.

I am concerned about the potential impact on access to care in my community if LD 2196 were to pass. Already, severe impacts on patients' ability to access care are coming next year as a result of federal actions. I am concerned about the ability of our local hospitals to continue to operate at their current capacity if LD 2196 is enacted, especially when their ability to operate is already going to be strained by the federal actions.

LD 2196 could compound the problem further leading to healthcare scarcity for many Mainers. In my day to day, I see people who struggle to access and afford health care. I hope that you reconsider the language in LD 2196.

Thank you for your consideration.