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*Testimony of Representative Margaret Craven introducing  
LD 473, Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of  
Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program  
Before the Health and Human Services Committee*

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer and fellow members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Margaret Craven, and I represent House District 93, which includes part of Lewiston. I am here today to present **LD 473, Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program.**

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is an essential practice for positive, long-term outcomes for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Board-Certified Behavior Analysts are professionals with specific expertise in ABA, and they follow a strict code of ethics, which protects the rights of the individual.

It is my understanding that MaineCare limits the type and hours of ABA services under Section 21, and they do not cover ABA services under Section 29. This prevents adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from receiving effective treatment. Section 28 covers the full range of ABA services necessary for the effective treatment of children. I believe that we should have parity in the adult services not only because the practice provides positive, long-term outcomes but also so that when children who rely on ABA services grow and enter into the adult system they will not suddenly find themselves without the treatment they need.

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Section 21 and Section 29 to allow for reimbursement for up to 120 hours of ABA services.

Thank you for your time and attention. I would be happy to answer any questions you have of me, but I also believe that there are stakeholders here today who may be better suited to answer specifics.