

LD 1726
**“An Act to Build Maine’s Economy by Supporting Child Care for
Working Families”**

Health & Human Services Committee

Testimony of:

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is ~~Melissa Harding~~ and I am a mom of four amazing little humans. I am a resident of Waldo County and I'm here today testifying in support of LD 1726 An Act to Build Maine’s Economy by Supporting Child Care and Working Families.

I am a working mom of two boys under six. One is in daycare fulltime and the other is in public school. Having access to safe, reliable child care is essential for me to continue to work to be able to provide a stable home for them along with supporting them with any extra curricular activities such as sports they want to do. I went through the uncertainty of not knowing if I would have daycare for my oldest and I had to miss a lot of days at work and it has actually already cost me two jobs due to my absence because of the simple fact that I didn't have reliable child care that was safe for him. My youngest is almost in pre-k now but without the daycare and pre-K centers in my area I would not be able to do what I do for my boys. I urge you to pass LD1726 so more centers and classrooms do not have to close their doors and I can remain a valuable asset to the current workforce.

Thank you for your time and consideration
Lynn Levesque