

Testament on LD 1964

Good afternoon Senator Tipping and Representative Roeder and members of the Labor Committee. I am Edward Youngblood a member of the Senate of the great State of Maine in the 120th the 121st and in the 126th Legislatures. I am here today representing Phillips-Strickland House Corporation as their Treasurer.

Phillips-Strickland is the home for aged men and women and has operated in Bangor, Maine since 1872 as a non-profit organization. We provide 48 beds of which 80% are State paid for beds. Our costs for maintain their beds for a year is \$60, 955 and we receive \$41, 975_ from the State of Maine. We subsidized these State beds in the amount of \$30,000 per month. That's an annual amount of \$360,000 per year. We do not have a large endowment and depend on fund raising efforts and annual fund-raising drives.

I am hear today to testify against LD 1964. We have survived these past years thanks to a good market, cost controls and donations. This program in addition to paid leave will also increase payroll taxes that will cost and additional \$20K in taxes a year. LD964 could very well be the arrow that puts Phillips-Strickland out of business and puts aged men and women out on the streets.

Thank you for your time. I would try and answer any questions you may have.