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Testimony in Support of LD 107: An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing

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Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and Honorable Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Affairs Committee,

I stand before you today to express my support for LD 107, An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing.

Last session, I shared a part of my personal journey with Biomarker testing. At the time, I was cancer-free, a survivor grateful for the scientific breakthroughs that allowed me to reclaim my life. Today, I stand before you again, but my story has taken a different turn. My cancer has returned, and this time, my medical team has determined that it is incurable.

Yet, because of Biomarker testing, I am alive today. This testing has enabled my doctors to tailor a treatment regimen that is extending my life. Should my current treatment fail, Biomarker testing has already revealed one final course of action that may offer additional time with my family, friends, and loved ones.

As you can imagine, the information gained from Biomarker testing has been invaluable not only to my medical team but to my family as well. It provides clarity, direction, and the best possible chance for a longer, fuller life.

Every Mainer deserves access to this life-saving testing, regardless of their financial situation or insurance coverage. No one should have to wonder whether they might have lived longer, fought harder, or had more options—if only Biomarker testing had been accessible.

I ask you to support LD 107, not only for me but for every individual and family in our state facing the uncertainty of a cancer diagnosis. This bill is more than legislation—it is a lifeline, a beacon of hope for those in the fight of their lives.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your commitment to improving the lives of Mainers. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kathy Javner
State Representative

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