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To: Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Re: LD 790, An Act to Prevent Denial of Patient Access Through Collaborative Care

Dear Members of the Committee,

Thank you Senator Bailey, Representative Gramlich, and members of the HCIFS committee. My name is Jennifer Flynn. I am a resident of Auburn and practice alongside chiropractors, physical therapists, and acupuncturists at Cape Integrative Health. I will be testifying in support of LD 790.

This bill is about restoring student access to qualified healthcare providers for their school related services such as sports physicals, concussion management, and return to play guidelines.

Before practicing with a chiropractor I had little to no training on what chiropractors did. I presumed that they had limited diagnostic capability with a focus on rendering adjustments. I was fully unaware that they receive very similar examination training to medical providers including full system diagnosis and examination such as heart and lung auscultation, abdominal examination, and neurological examinations. Over the past several years I have come to respect their diagnostic capacity and feel that it is completely appropriate for a chiropractor to perform a sports physical or concussion management should they choose to.

Often chiropractors are their community's local health resource and losing this ability forces their existing patients to seek a similar services through a regional health center or urgent care. This adds unnecessary delays, excessive travel and/or costs that only preventing access to a straight forward service. This exam should not replace ongoing preventative care by a pediatrician.

In summary: If I were to perform a sports physical for a student with my chiropractic

colleague performing another similar exam in the adjacent exam room, our notes would demonstrate the comparable exam findings, billing identical codes, and receiving identical reimbursement.

I encourage you to support LD 790.

Sincerely,

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