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Senator Bailey, Representative Gramlich and distinguished members of the committee, thank you so much for having me. My name is Aaron MacArthur, I'm a chiropractic neurologist and have been practicing for over 17 years in Portland, ME. I grew up in Maine and care deeply about providing healthcare to its residents. I am the owner of Portland Chiropractic Neurology. Along with my doctorate in chiropractic, I also hold a post-doctoral diplomate in neurology, and two fellowships. The first fellowship is in concussion/mTBI, the other is in vertigo/dizziness (vestibular) along with 200 hours in dysautonomia. I receive and treat many concussion referrals from a variety of doctors, MD, NP, ND, DO, OD and chiropractors alike. I treat many high school and college athletes and non-athletes who have experienced concussions or are experiencing post-concussion syndrome. In addition to treatment, I also teach other organizations and groups on concussion diagnosis and management.

Given my expertise in concussion and general neurology, it is my professional opinion that chiropractors far exceed requirements to properly recognize and manage concussion care, easily following SCAT6 (standardized assessment forms) or similar recommendations and making appropriate referrals as needed.

Chiropractors are fully trained and recognized by our own state licensing and federal boards (National Board of Chiropractic Examiners) to perform all areas of physical exams. No other profession is qualified in making this determination.

10 years ago chiropractors passed a non-discrimination bill preventing insurers from reimbursing for covered services rendered by a chiropractor acting within their scope. This bill is the professional equivalent and ensures equality of patient access to healthcare.

Thank you,

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