

Senators and distinguished members of the committee, thank you so much taking the time to hear us on the matter of LD 828 – An act to allow chiropractors to be designated as school health advisors. My name is Aaron MacArthur, I'm a chiropractic neurologist and owner of Portland Chiropractic Neurology. I have been practicing for over 17 years in Portland, ME. I grew up in Maine and care deeply about providing healthcare to its residents. Along with my doctorate in chiropractic, I also hold a post-doctoral degree in neurology, and two fellowships. The first fellowship is in concussion/mTBI, the other is in vertigo/dizziness (vestibular). Like most chiropractors, I enjoy continuing my education to provide the utmost care to my patients. 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 students who have experienced concussions or are experiencing post-concussion syndrome.

Given my expertise in concussion and general neurology, it is my professional opinion that chiropractors far exceed the 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.

10 years ago a non-discrimination bill was passed preventing insurers from denying reimbursement 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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