

Good day Chairs Rotundo, Gattine, Ingwersen, and Meyer and honorable members of the Joint Committee on Appropriations & Financial Affairs and on Health and Human Services.

My name is Paul Armstrong. I live in Palermo and I am the Lead Advocacy Volunteer for AARP Maine. AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age.

I am testifying neither for nor against LD 2212.

I truly appreciate the funding the Area Agencies on Aging received last year through these committees but am saddened to not see any more funding in this current supplemental budget. Mainers, albeit most Americans, want to age in place! It is so important for Mainers and the state's bottom line in general that this supplemental budget include additional funding for the vital services that allow Mainers to stay safely in their own homes through our local Area Agencies on Aging.

I am a single, permanently disabled resident of Maine over 60 years old. I own my own home. As time passes, and my disability worsens, it is harder and harder for me to properly maintain my home and care for myself. I **do** wish to continue to live in my own home and age where I am. The services of the Area Agencies on Aging have helped me so far and hopefully will continue to if adequate funding is in place.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. On behalf of AARP Maine, Mainers of age, and myself I respectfully ask you to consider adding additional funding our AAA's through LD 2212.

Thank you,  
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