

Good afternoon, Sen. Ingwersen, Rep. Meyer, and Honorable Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

My name is Margaret Craven, and I live in Lewiston. I'm here today to speak in favor of LD2103, an Act to Require Hospitals to Adopt a Cybersecurity Plan.

On May 26th 2025, there was a massive data breach at St.Mary's Hospital in Lewiston, and on June first 2025 CMMC also located in Lewiston was attacked as were Bridgton and Rumford hospitals which are operated by CMMC.

Covenant Health Care, from which I get my care said that 478,000 of their patients were compromised, including 285,000 Mainers. Because of the breach, patients from both systems were left waiting for test results, appointments, and medication refills. My annual check up was changed from August 2025 until February 2026. A friend about my age was suffering from a hemorrhage, but she couldn't reach her doctor, and our local emergency care was unable to care for her, so she had to drive to Portland.

The information accessed in May, includes names, Social Security numbers, address, and treatment details.

Experts say that attacks like this have been on the rise for years. Between 2018 and 2023 there was a rise nationwide of 239% and 2024 has the highest number of individuals affected. This is according to the HIPPA Journal which analyzes data breach statics.

Everyone I know who gets services at St.Mary's is getting letters letting them know that their information has been compromised. I have received two letters, and a third letting me know how I can track for trouble.

I think this is an issue we all have a stake in, not knowing if your credit or other personal resources are at risk, is a stress we can do without.

I'm asking you to please vote in favor of LD2103

Thank you.

Margaret Craven