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Testimony of Rep. Donna Doore presenting

LD 556 “An Act Regarding Copayment and Coinsurance for Chiropractors.” *Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services*

Good morning, Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler and other esteemed members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee. I am Representative Donna Doore, representing a portion of our Capital City in House District 85—welcome to my district. I am here to present **LD 556, An Act Regarding Copayment and Coinsurance for Chiropractors.**

This legislation is intended to address the type of practice that Doctors of Chiropractic actually run. They are doctors that fully trained in diagnosis and are, in many cases, the first provider many patients seek care from.

Doctors of Chiropractic practice in many very rural areas of Maine where they may be one of the only health care providers for miles. Insurers classify Chiropractic Doctors as specialists, which means that they have high levels of coinsurance and copays. This can make things much more expensive for patients. Chiropractors are more appropriately first point of entry providers than specialists, and this bill reflects that.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.