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My name is John Royce and I am here representing the Maine Chiropractic Association. Doctors of Chiropractic are direct access providers under HMOs and other plans in Maine. In many cases they are the first provider that a patient will access. LD 556 is intended to put into place a lower copay and coinsurance for patients that would reflect that reality in the marketplace. Many doctors of Chiropractic practice in rural areas where there are few providers of any type. This legislation would help encourage access in these communities. Now Chiropractors are considered specialists and in many cases have copays and coinsurance that virtually cancel out the benefit of having insurance for the patient. Thank you and I will be at the work session.  
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