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To Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services committee:

I am testifying in support of LD 1045, "An Act To Support Universal Health Care."

When it comes to our health care, none of us should have to worry about whether to take care of ourselves and our bodies. People in Europe and most other industrialized countries don't have to fret. They know that their universal system will pay for the health care they need.

We in the United States should not have to worry either.

I have lived on a low income my entire adult life. I am now 75 years old. I have been pretty fortunate, not having serious and complicated health problems....yet. Since I began receiving MaineCare, because of my very low income, and then Medicare, I have been able to focus entirely on doing what I need to do to maintain good health. I did that when I had a ruptured appendix, and when I had a hernia fixed. I did not have to choose between doing what was best for my health and what I could afford to pay.

Neither should anyone else in Maine. That's why I believe a universal health care system in Maine is necessary. Health care should be a right for every Maine resident, not a privilege for those who can afford it.

Please support this bill, LD 1045, so everyone in Maine can have the same peace of mind that I have had when it comes to addressing health care needs.

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