

This testimony is in support of LD 1636 An Act To Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Using International Pricing.

Committee on Health Coverage and Financial Services

Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler and Members of the Committee,

My name is Pat Red and I live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Following emergency surgery I was diagnosed with C.Diff (Clostridioides difficile). Following a second recurrence, I was hospitalized. Since previous antibiotics did not eradicate the C.diff, the cadre of doctors started me on Fidaxomicin. Upon receiving the hospital bill, I discovered the four doses of Fidaxomicin that I received in the hospital were not covered. Much to my dismay, each pill cost \$743.51, leaving me with an outrageous bill of \$2974.04. I have insurance through my work, but these doses were not covered.

I ask that you please support LD 1636, An Act To Reduce Prescription Drug Costs by Using International Pricing.

Thank you.

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