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Testimony by Chris Poirier in favor of LD739

An Act Regarding Credible Allegations of Fraud by MaineCare Providers

Members of the Joint Committee on Health and Human Services,

My name is Chris Poirier and my sister, Donna Poirier, is part of the Getchell Foster Home's family. She has been lovingly cared for by Wayne, his family, and the staff for going on 31 years now. Donna is a very high needs girl who requires 24/7 assistance as she's non-verbal and behavioral. She has always been treated with care and concern like family. On numerous occasions Wayne has personally travelled with her spending days and nights to make sure she receives proper medical care. Always by her side, always helping. His love, support, and acceptance has been a shining light in her life.

Throughout the years, the Getchell family has welcomed us to visit them and Donna. We've witnessed firsthand the great care she receives, more importantly the beautiful life she is able to live, for a handicapped girl with few prospects. She is very happy with Wayne at the Getchell Foster Home. My mother's wishes before passing, were for Donna to live her life there. As her brother, these are my wishes as well. The Getchell Foster Home and Wayne, are her world!

I believe a society is best judged on how it treats those most disadvantaged and in need of our care. In that spirit, please do everything you can to ensure Donna, the Getchell Foster Home clients, and all citizens who rely on MaineCare receive their funding fairly and timely. The providers are critical to their health, safety, medical, and social needs.

Donna's future is with the Getchell Foster Home, they are her family now. She would be absolutely traumatized if she were up-rooted and they could not provide for her care. I love my sister and want her to receive the best care. All citizens counting on MaineCare should receive the best care. Please enact fair laws that ensure they and their providers receive the necessary funds they so desperately need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Chris Poirier