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Testimony of Senator Lisa Keim before the Joint Standing Committee on  
Health & Human Services

LD 1112 "Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare  
Reimbursement in Nursing Homes"

Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health & Human Services, I write to submit testimony in favor of LD 1112, "Resolve, To Classify Employee Health Insurance as a Fixed Cost for MaineCare Reimbursement in Nursing Homes."

Being the oldest state in the nation, Maine needs to prioritize safe, affordable and quality housing for our elderly, many of whom require extensive care. The resilience of Maine's nursing homes is vital to the well-being of some of our most vulnerable citizens. However, many establishments, especially those that serve rural communities, are struggling to stay afloat. In 2018 Maine lost 6 nursing homes, including Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris, which is part of my district. The closure of Ledgeview was distressing to the residents and their families, as the change of location created disruption, insecurity, and decreased family visitation.

Last session this committee passed legislation dealing with this issue, however, because of the pandemic, the Legislature was not able to get it across the finish line. I hope that this committee will, once again, see the value in this bill and support it unanimously.

Thank you for your consideration.