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LD 718 addresses an existing gap in healthcare access for our immigrant neighbors, and improves community health for us all. As a Maine resident, I want all my fellow Mainers to have access to the healthcare they need, particularly as we're recovering from a public health crisis. It is unacceptable to have residents and workers, many of them essential workers during the pandemic, be barred from affordable health insurance and health services. We know this results in avoidance of care, which causes stress and eventually turns into more costly emergency needs. We should continue to build upon Medicaid expansion by closing this gap for immigrant Mainers, for a healthier future and economy for everyone.