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To elected officials,
LD 718 is extremely important for our community, specifically for our New
Mainers/immigrant/documented/undocumented loved ones. During the pandemic, Maine saw
some of the worst racial and ethnic disparities for COVID-19 in the nation. Part of that was
due to lack of basic health care making many low-income immigrants more vulnerable to the
virus. Please pass this. Be on the side of history that helps people have access to basic
human rights. I personally love and care for so many New Mainers who are amazing people
adding so much value to the lives of others, yet cannot access the same health care others
can.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely, a Maine racial justice activist.