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RE: LD 1157 – An Act To Ensure MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Home and Community-based Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Are Adjusted in Accordance with Increases in State and Municipal Wage.

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to submit my written testimony in support of this bill to increase reimbursement rates to providers of home and community-based services in accordance with increases in State and municipal minimum wage.

It is vital to be able to increase rates for direct care workers, but requires an increase in reimbursement rates to providers in accordance with minimum wage increases for agencies to be able to increase direct care worker rates while remaining financially sustainable to continue providing services to the individuals we support. As non-profit, service-based agencies, we rely entirely upon the rate of reimbursement for the services we provide, which needs to increase at least in accordance with minimum wage increases so we can provide rate increases to our staff.

Sincerely,

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