John Royce Maine Chiropractic Association

John Royce Testimony LD1553

Senator Claxton Representative Meyer

Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

My name is John Royce and I am here representing the Maine Chiropractic Association. LD1553 is parallel language

to the committee amendment that was passed by this Committee in the first regular session of the 129th Maine Legislature. That bill was sent to the Appriopriations table where it was held over to the special session of the 129th. Then COVID hit and it died on the table along with many other bills at that time.

Doctors of Chiropractic treat the same conditions a host of other providers treat. The problem is under MaineCare Doctors of Chiropractic are not reimbursed for all they are legally licensed to perform. Reimbursement is limited to adjustment codes, exams, and X-rays. Rehabilitation, physiotherapy modalities and extremity care are not reimbursed. If a patient needs this care sometimes they must be referred out to other providers where the care is covered. This is not fair to the patient who could easily be treated in one Chiropractic location. Thank You