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Good morning, Senator Claxton, Representative Myer and members of the Health and Human Services Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of LD 1573 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues.

My name is Cheryl Achorn. I feel that the challenges for me to stay in this career field are the wages that we are paid. This is not an easy job. It really bothers me to see that you can make more money in a fast-food place. I have a brother that needs direct support staff for him to live a normal life, but the wages are not enough to get good staff to take care of him. I worry about the people that apply to work with him are not what he needs to have a good life.

I think that Maine needs to pay the wages that will encourage people to apply for the DSP roles that need to be filled

Please find it in your roles to make DSP paid the value they are worth.

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