

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the Committee on Labor. My name is Cynthia Rau and I reside in Norway, Maine. I am testifying in support of LD 328 and LD 467.

I began my career in 1983 with the State of Maine as a Public Health Nurse. It was a position that I spent 22 years at, and then 3 years at Riverview Psychiatric Hospital, retiring after 25 years of Service.

After my retirement I have and still continue to work as a Registered Nurse. I do receive small Social Security and the monthly payment of \$189 for Medicare Part B is stressful on my fixed income. It would be a great financial relief to have this Medicare premium paid. This is especially important to me because while I pay for the expense which was not anticipated for myself and other retired State workers, the State of Maine has failed to restore the full COLA on my MainePERS pension.

Thank you for your attention to my letter.

Cynthia Rau