



Support of LD 111: An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Share of a Retired State Employee's or Retired Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B Under Medicare Advantage

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. My name is Gay Anne McDonald and I am the Executive Director for the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC).

On behalf of MADSEC, I am providing testimony in support of LD 111.

LD 111 identifies pension differences among teachers and seeks to establish a sliding scale per se based on the amount of the individual's retirement benefit to assist retired teachers with healthcare costs.

MADSEC supports LD 111 given the financial burden on retired teachers to pay Medicare Part B premiums from their pensions, which were affected by cuts in 2011.

Our membership recognizes the commitment from Maine teachers in educating students in the state, and believes that LD 111 offers an opportunity to assist those who have dedicated their lives to bettering the lives of children.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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