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Testimony in Support of LD 1964, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program

Dear Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing

My Name is Rosalyn Fisher and I live in Bangor. I am writing in support of Paid Family and Medical Leave for Maine.

I am a retired occupational therapist with experience working with infants who were born prematurely and required long stays in Neonatal Intensive Care Units. Parents of these infants lost wages and sometimes jobs due to a lack of support for them while they attended to the needs of their infants. Currently, 77% of Maine workers do not have paid leave.

Caring for a family member who is elderly or recuperating from an injury or surgery would also be covered by the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.

Health insurance may cover medical bills for a worker, but does not pay for lost wages that would be supported in LD1964.

Therefore, I urge you to support LD 1964 for Maine workers who do not have paid family and medical leave through their employers.