

February 6, 2020

Committee on Taxation
c/o Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station
Augusta ME 04333

Re: LD 1919 *“An Act to Provide a Tax Credit for Family Caregivers”*

Dear Senator Chipman, Representative Tipping, and members of the Committee on Taxation,

On behalf of the National Association of Social Workers Maine Chapter, I am writing to express our support of LD 1919.

This modest tax credit for low to moderate income family caregivers would be a benefit to thousands of Mainers. We should want to support those people caring for elderly or disabled family members who cannot afford or find home supports. This bill helps people who need care to remain in their homes. Family caregivers should not have to choose between their own financial stability and the needs of their elderly or disabled loved one.

The decision to reduce one’s work hours to care for a family member is a decision many of us have made or will need to make in the future. This measure can ease the financial hardships that sometimes come with this decision.

We urge you to vote yes on LD 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

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