

# MaineHealth

## MaineHealth Local Health Systems

Franklin Community  
Health Network  
LincolnHealth  
MaineHealth Care At Home  
Maine Behavioral Healthcare  
Memorial Hospital  
Maine Medical Center  
Mid Coast-Parkview Health  
NorDx  
Pen Bay Medical Center  
Southern Maine Health Care  
Synernet  
Waldo County General Hospital  
Western Maine Health

## Part of the MaineHealth Family

MaineHealth Accountable  
Care Organization

## MaineHealth Affiliates

MaineGeneral Health  
New England Rehabilitation  
Hospital of Portland  
St. Mary's Health System

## Testimony of Sarah Calder, MaineHealth in Opposition to LD 1479, “An Act to Make Certain Traffic Infractions Secondary Offenses” Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, I am Sarah Calder, Director of Government Affairs at MaineHealth, and I am here today to testify in opposition to any policy changes that weaken Maine’s seat belt laws.

MaineHealth is an integrated non-profit health care system that provides a full continuum of health care services to the residents of eleven counties in Maine and one in New Hampshire. Every day, MaineHealth’s over 22,000 employees are committed to fulfilling our vision of “working together so our communities are the healthiest in America.”

As part of our mission and vision, MaineHealth strongly supports the use of seat belts as they save lives and reduce injuries. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death among those aged 1-54, and one in 3 children who die in a motor vehicle collision are unrestrained.

Seat belt use is one of the most effective ways to save lives and reduce injuries and, it is for that reason, we oppose any policy changes that attempt to rollback Maine’s seat belt laws.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.