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The 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1486, "An Act To Maximize Funds Available To Provide Oral Health Care Services to Persons with Developmental, Behavioral or Other Severely Disabling Conditions Requiring Specialized and Time-intensive Oral Health Care."

I cannot support this bill as there is not enough information regarding its true cost to Maine taxpayers. We do not know how many people will qualify for these services and the funding source the bill provides may or may not be sufficient. This is especially concerning when we have thousands of individuals with severe mental illness sitting on waitlists for services they already qualify for. Until we strengthen our safety net by providing real, structural welfare reforms, I cannot support increasing services, however well-meaning.

For these reasons, I return LD 1486 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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