

Testimony of Yvonne Davis in Support of Home Care at Home

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I am Yvonne Davis. I have lived my 64 years in Knox County. I am recovering from back surgery in 2012 that gave me a spinal stroke. I was left bed bound for more than six years. During those years I was in a hospital, a rehabilitation facility, a nursing home and at home. With help from Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy, I am now at the point where my care needs could be met with care services in my home.

I have been approved for 50 hours a week of MaineCare services in my home. However, there is no one available in the Mid-Coast area who can be hired to work even one hour a day in my home.

I do not know how many more days I can stay at home with only my 22-year-old son providing care for me. If I do not get some care givers in my home, I will have to go to a hospital, assisted living facility, or a nursing home.

I ask the Maine Legislature to vote more funding for care services at home. A wage needs to be paid to care workers so they will take jobs to help disabled and older people who need care at home. I want to live at home. The Legislature needs to vote the money so people can get the care they need to live safe at home.