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LD 935

Comments for the Health Coverage Insurance Financial Services Committee of the
Maine Legislature on May 1, 2023

I wish to register opposition to LD 935 - An Act to Remove Barriers to Abortion
Coverage in Private Insurance. This bill as I understand it would have the effect of
eliminating the work arounds that already make a religious or conscience-bound
employer's exception to abortion funding little more than a protest statement. Is the
intention to silence the employer's deeply held conscience convictions once and for
all, so that no one needs even to see them on a form? I would also include this in a
category of bills that (perhaps unintended) could create an impression in a patient that
abortion may be preferred by the insurance company over other more complicated or
expensive responses to unintended pregnancy.

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