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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee. My name Hannah. I am a Full Spectrum Doula in Portland, ME. I am here today speaking for LD 1343. Although we have wonderful reproductive healthcare clinics in Maine that provide abortion care I also recognize access can be an issue for many Mainers especially in rural communities. As an abortion doula I have supported multiple clients who have needed to travel long distance so they could access abortion care. I have even drove with them out of state to clinics in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. In 2014 I personally traveled to a clinic in New Hampshire for my own abortion because at the time my local clinic didn't have an availability for me. Any restriction on abortion would make access more difficult than it already is for many Mainers. Abortion is healthcare for many Mainers. LD 1343 will help prevent further barriers for people accessing abortion healthcare.