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**Testimony in Support of LD 995**

**An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons**

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services:

My name is Nathan Gould, and I live in Winterport. I am writing this testimony in support of LD 995, "An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons."

I have relatives whose lives were saved by a second opinion. The importance of a second opinion can be no better demonstrated than when a woman is faced with making the life-altering—life-ending—choice to have an abortion. It is only fair that a woman be fully informed before she gives her consent to such drastic measures.

I ask the Committee to vote Ought to Pass. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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