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Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services.

I am Katrin Teel of Glenburn, Maine. I am here to testify in support of L.D. 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 think all of us understands the value of a second opinion. Requiring a health insurance carrier to provide coverage for a second opinion after an enrollee's provider has recommended an abortion due to the health or safety of the mother or unborn baby is simply common sense. The medical field has a tremendous responsibility when lives are at stake, including unborn babies. This bill simply codifies the availability of coverage for a second opinion when it is warranted.

Toward that end, I encourage you to vote Out to Pass on L.D.995. Thank you for allowing me to contribute my testimony.