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LD 995

Bill LD 995 HP0630 Support of both

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

I am writing to you today to urge your support for the above Bills that provide health insurance coverage for the costs of a second opinion and any additional testing by any provider of the enrollee's choice after the enrollee's provider has recommended an abortion due to the health or safety of the enrollee or fetus. If you were present at last week's hearing on abortion, you heard many testimonies of women who were told their baby was defective in some way and their doctors urged them to abort.

They did not, and subsequently gave birth to healthy babies. This happens more than most people are aware of. This bill is a common sense one and will spare not only babies' lives but the stress and trauma of news given to parents that turns out not to be true. Lives are at stake and second opinions are covered for other major health diagnoses. I am asking the committee to vote "Ought to pass on LD 995