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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Regarding L.D. 163, “An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Federally Approved Nonprescription Oral Hormonal Contraceptives and Nonprescription Emergency Contraceptives”

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Sen. Bailey, Rep. Mathieson, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I oppose L.D. 163, “An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Federally Approved Nonprescription Oral Hormonal Contraceptives and Nonprescription Emergency Contraceptives”.

The cost of health insurance in Maine is very burdensome. The costs keep going up and up and incomes aren’t keeping up with the rate of inflation in this area especially. I am pro-life and don’t want my health insurance to go up even more as a result of this bill. I, as well as all other pro-lifers, appeal to you to understand our position. Children are a gift from God, and only He has the right to take life away. Because you represent all the people of Maine, and this is a very controversial subject, government must not regulate here.

I urge this committee to vote “ought not to pass” on LD 163. Thank you.