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LD 143

Please Support LD 143 an act to improve women's health and economic security by funding Family Planning Services. At the current funding level, many of Maine's rural health centers are open 1-2 days a week. Mainers deserve better. With threats to federal funding sources, skyrocketing Sexually Transmitted Infection rates, and an active HIV cluster, we need the state legislature to step up and prioritize funding for sexual & reproductive health care. This funding will protect access to birth control methods, STI testing & treatment, HIV testing & prevention, cervical cancer screenings, annual exams, and gender-affirming care. In my reproductive years I was fortunate to have Family Planning nestled in my Waterville neighborhood. In fact, services remain within walking distance for many consumers. We have many in our low-moderate income neighborhood who depend on affordable Family Planning. Waterville is a service center for many in Somerset County, one of the poorest counties in Maine. Affordable women's health care and economic security must be supported to ensure our state's progress. Please Vote ought to pass LD 143. Thank you. Kimberly Hallee, RN (retired)