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LD 143

Dear Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

My name is Lora Travers Moncure, I live in Yarmouth, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 143. Family planning means equal access to healthcare, regardless of income. I have accessed family planning services through Planned Parenthood mostly when I was younger and could not afford health insurance. Their services providing checkups, cancer screenings, and birth control were integral to my well-being and independence as a young woman, allowing me to focus on my studies and then eventually when I was living on my own and finding my first jobs out of college.

Mainers face barriers to care, including financial and logistical challenges of accessing a provider, challenges that are especially difficult in more rural areas of Maine. Family planning providers are often the first and only medical provider patients see in a year, making the family planning care network a critical safety net for the tens of thousands of patients who access services from these providers each year.

Maine voters have twice elected a pro-reproductive rights majority in the state legislature since the fall of Roe v. Wade. Mainers are counting on these leaders to safeguard reproductive health care access. Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 143. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lora Travers Moncure