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LD 865

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

My name is Lauren Verhey, I am a new mom of a vibrant little 4 month baby. I live in Brunswick. I am here today to ask you to support LD 865. All families deserve to have personalized lactation care. This bill will allow all private practice IBCLCs to credential and accept Mainecare.

Thank goodness I access to IBCLC during my prepregnancy and post-pregnancy. My daughter came a few weeks early, and because of my experience working with a IBCLC I felt more prepared to help support her feeding and my breastfeeding journey. Now 4 months in, I am still working with my IBCLC to help troubleshoot complications with my daughter. And thank goodness I have this additional professional sound support system. I honestly don't know what I would have done if I didn't find this IBCLC.

Again, I am asking you to support LD 865, IBCLC reimbursement for Mainecare, to provide additional access to IBCLCs and equitable care to all Mainers.