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LD 865

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

My name is Becky Rosen, I am a mom of 1, and I live in Portland. I am writing you today to ask you to support LD 865.

When I first became a mom, breastfeeding was a nightmare until I got help from a clinical IBCLC. My son had trouble latching due to several issues, and without a good latch, it is impossible to breastfeed, as it is incredibly painful. While I did receive some help from lactation counselors in the hospital, I needed additional individual, personal attention over several weeks, and there is no way I would have been able to nurse my son without the support from my clinical IBCLC. I was able to private pay for these services, but it is my strong belief that ALL families deserve to have the help I had, and this bill will help make that possible.

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.

Thank you for your time,
Becky Rosen