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LD 865

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

My name is Emily Littlefield, I am a mom of a sweet 9 month old in Topsham. I am asking today if you could support LD 865.

All families deserve to have personalized lactation care. This bill will allow all private practice IBCLCs to credential and accept Mainecare. Why? Because having an IBCLC saved my breastfeeding journey. When my daughter was only 6 weeks old, I had already undergone a breast procedure to insert a drain for a 8cm abscess in my left breast. I was on my fourth course of intense antibiotics. I had mastitis 3 times before she was 3 months old. All due to a tongue tie that no other healthcare professional had been able to properly identify. I was ready to give up due to the constant illness and pain. My IBCLC evaluated the condition, helped me with immediate treatment, and referred me to the right healthcare professionals, ultimately solving the issue. My baby has been breastfed for an additional 4 months and counting with no further issues, thanks to my IBCLC's expertise. Clinical IBCLC services has lead to a healthier life for me, my baby and my future babies.

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.