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

My name is Erika Nyhus, I am a mom of three; 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.

If I had access to an IBCLC in private practice when I had my oldest, I probably wouldn't have struggled to breastfeed and when I had my youngest, I would have been more prepared to breastfeed after breast cancer.

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, Erika Nyhus