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LD 865

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

My name is Sarah Lunt. I am a first time mother to my 5 month old son and we reside in Naples. I am writing today to ask you to support LD 865.

All women deserve to have personalized clinical IBCLC support in order to support their breastfeeding journey. We know how beneficial breastfeeding is for our babies and if a woman chooses to breastfeed her baby, she needs help. While breastfeeding is a natural process, it does not come naturally to many woman. I thought for sure I would be able to successfully breastfeed my baby when he was born but unfortunately I was not. It was heartbreaking. I needed help.

Without the support of clinical IBCLCs, I would not have been able to breastfeed my baby. I am a stay at home mom and if I was not able to breastfeed, I would have had to give him formula which would also mean I would have had to go back to work in order to afford it. I am very grateful for my IBCLC and the care we received. After over 6 weeks of help, I am now able to breastfeed my son and stay home with him.

All women deserve this care. All Mainers deserve this care. Again, I ask for your support for LD 865.

Thank you for your time,  
Sarah Lunt