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LD 865

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee of Health and Human Services, my name is Micah Smith-Khan, and I live in South Portland. I am writing to urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 865 An Act to Require MaineCare to Reimburse for Lactation Services in the Homes of Eligible Persons.

I received lactation support from a certified lactation consultant very soon after giving birth to each of my children, both in the hospital and at home. It is very difficult to get in the car and leave one's house when you have a tiny infant, and getting care within your home and natural setting helps so much with the success of breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding is a crucial aspect of infant and maternal health and well-being, and is therefore important to a healthy society overall. If I had not received early lactation support, I may have given up on breastfeeding. It is a skill that is learned socially in our society. Please support this crucial bill.

Thank you,
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