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LD 253

I am against LD 253 for the simple reason that it will cost taxpayers more in the long term. The people utilizing MaineCare are disadvantaged, they are the exact demographic that may need to voluntarily terminate a pregnancy because they do not have the financial means to properly care for a child. For those that support this because "they don't want their tax dollars paying for someone to have an 'abortion'" which is a relatively inexpensive procedure, seem to not realize that instead the child will be a recipient of welfare services for much of, if not their entire, life (whether with their biological parent or as part of the foster system). Additionally, what quality of life will the child have? Either living in poverty with a biological parent that resents them and never wanted them or growing up in the foster care system that is rife with abuse and neglect. MaineCare is a means to provide health care to those that can't afford it otherwise. Let it do that.