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LD 253

In Opposition to LD253

An Act to Prevent the MaineCare Program from Covering Abortion Services

Dear Committee Chairs Carney and Kuhn and the honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am Megan Marquis from Augusta, Maine, and I am urging this committee to vote NO on LD253. This bill, if it passes, would put an undue financial burden on our least financially able families in this state to receive the women's health care that they would need in desperate times. Abortions are not taken lightly by women, despite the misinformation put out by extremists.

This bill is part of a series of nuisance bills put in front of you today that are not based on science or modern women's healthcare. Instead, these bills are intended to take options away from women in order to control them and put barriers in front of their families from advancing ahead.

To many families, this is a heartbreaking, devastating time that should not also have an added financial barrier. If the option chosen is an abortion, this should be left up to the woman and her doctor to decide, not up to the insurance provider.

I shouldn't feel the need to say this- but The situation calls for it. You are not doctors, and neither are insurance agents- so stop trying make medical decisions that ultimately reduce medical care for women.

I urge you to please vote NO on LD253. Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted,,

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