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LD 253

Dear Committee Representatives,

My name is Stefanie Burchill. I work and live in Augusta Maine. I am writing in opposition of LD 253. MaineCare is a medical coverage that provides health care to the most vulnerable people in the state of Maine. Abortion is health care. Denying MaineCare coverage for an abortion will only create more strain on the tax payers of Maine. If women who rely on MaineCare would be unable to afford an abortion, and thus be forced to carry their pregnancy to term, not only would the mother of the child suffer, the tax payers will be paying more for medical care, TANF funds, and food supplement for the mother and child.

I am writing from a financial prospective as the representative who submitted this bill explained that the tax payers of Maine are concerned about the cost of abortion. The tax payers will pay more into our state benefits if MaineCare ends funding for abortion services needed by women.

Please consider the affects on our communities if women are forced to seek unsafe abortions outside of medical practice.

I thank you for your time and attention on this matter.