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LD 217

I am in strong support of LD 217, An Act to Require Schools to Provide Access to Free Condoms for Students in Grades 9 to 12 in the School Nurse's Office. As a parent, I value that schools can be a safe place for my and other child/children to access information and resources about sexual health.

I have witnessed female relatives being faced with unwanted pregnancies that changed their lives. It is natural and common for young people to have sex. It is an unreasonable expectation that all young adults abstain. This is a fantasy. We should give healthy alternatives that can save lives. Let's deploy our resources wisely to keep them protected and give them the healthiest possible start to their young adult lives.

I support LD 217, and also request that committee members amend the bill to make it more equitable and impactful by changing the language to say that condoms can be accessed in the school nurse's office "or locations authorized by the school nurse." I urge the Committee to vote YES on LD 217.