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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Committee on Health and Human Services: My name is Augustin Villarreal, I live in SUGAR LAND TEXAS, and I am here today to testify in support of LD 335, 'An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights,' and to support the essential funding for family planning services in our state budget. As we look at the challenges facing Maine families in 2026, the \$2.25 million in the supplemental budget is not an optional expense; it is a critical replacement for lost federal funds. In many of our rural communities, these clinics are the primary—and often only—source of cancer screenings, STI testing, and wellness care. Furthermore, I urge you to pass LD 335. This bill ensures that deeply personal medical decisions remain between a patient and their doctor, without political interference. It protects our healthcare workers and ensures that Mainers do not have to leave their state or their support systems to receive the care they need. These measures are a reflection of Maine's values: privacy, community health, and individual liberty. Thank you for your time and your service to the people of Maine."