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LD 335

Dear Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am Christina Schoenberg, and I live in Topsham, and I am writing to urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 335.

I have not been affected personally, but I want to add my voice to support Planned Parenthood. As a nurse, I understand the importance of access to reproductive care for all and have seen the GOOD work that Planned Parenthood accomplishes.

Many young people, especially today with the rising cost of health insurance, do not have health insurance and seek care through Planned Parenthood. These services include things like birth control, cancer screenings and testing, diagnosis and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, wellness checks, and more. Without this access, preventable and/or treatable illnesses are not addressed. This affects not only the individual, but also the community AND the economy (missed work, etc)

Mainers face barriers to care, including financial and logistical challenges of accessing a provider, challenges that are especially difficult in more rural areas of Maine. Family planning providers are often the first and only medical provider patients see in a year, making the family planning care network a critical safety net for the tens of thousands of patients who access services from these providers each year.

Attacks on reproductive health care at the federal level create a new level of urgency at the state level to safeguard Mainers' access to care.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 335. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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