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In Support of LD 335, “An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights”

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
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Dear Chair Ingwersen, Chair Meyer, and distinguished members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

On behalf of more than 4,000 registered nurses and health care professionals providing direct patient care in our state, the Maine State Nurses Association/National Nurses United (MSNA) writes in support of LD 335.

Registered nurses know how essential access to family planning services is to the health and well-being of our patients. Nurses have been appalled to see the federal government target reproductive health care providers who offer abortion care by revoking grants and limiting Medicaid payments for unrelated services.¹ We support Maine providing additional funding to make sure that health care providers targeted by these cuts can stay open and Mainers can continue to access family planning services.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



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¹ See Bernstein A., Friedrich-Karnik, A., Damavandi, S., Guttmacher Institute, Year One of Project 2025: Tracking the Trump Administration’s Devastating Campaign Against Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (Jan 2026), <https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/year-one-project-2025-tracking-trump-admins-campaign-against-srhr>. National Nurses United, Nation’s largest nurses union condemns Republican budget bill (July 3, 2025), <https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/press/nations-largest-nurses-union-condemns-republican-budget-bill>.