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LD 335

Please Vote to Pass LD 335: An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights. This bill would ensure that Maine's family planning network would remain fully funded, despite relentless federal attacks. This network includes 19 Maine Family Planning health centers across rural Maine, 4 Planned Parenthood health centers in Southern Maine, and 32 Federally Qualified Health centers and 8 school-based health centers. This bill is NOT going to give money to these healthcare centers to fund abortions. This bill will keep the doors open at healthcare centers throughout our state. Health and wellness care, a much-needed service that cannot be provided solely by the too few doctors and midlevel's we have practicing in our state. As a student nurse my 'go to' healthcare was provided by Waterville Family Planning. The sliding fee scale affordable and comprehensive physical exam helped to keep me 'fit' while pursuing my nursing education. I'd like to think our community benefitted from my 43 years of nursing provided in the Central Maine area. Certainly, my example of benefiting from our local healthcare centers is one of many. Healthy Maine workers, sons and daughters and families is the responsibility of the individual first, but our Legislators have an obligation to help ensure that healthcare centers receive the support needed to help sustain and provide good healthcare and education. Thank you, Kimberly Hallee, RN (retired).