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LD 335

Senator Ingwersen and Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Maine Health and Human Services Committee my name is Mike McClellan. I am the Executive Director of Maine Right To Life, an organization that was established to honor the dignity and inherent value of every human life. I also am a former Maine State Legislator having served in the 125th - 127th Maine Legislatures. I am writing to testify in opposition to LD 335, An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights as submitted by Representative Kuhn of Falmouth.

Maine Right To Life respectfully submits this testimony in opposition to LD 335 in its current form. We continue to point out the use of Concept Drafts to do business is simply bad policy and even as there was strong discussion a year ago by all as to the damage this “tool” creates, it would appear to us that Concept Draft usage has risen in the 132nd.

### 1. Policy Concerns & Misuse of State Funds

LD 335 directs Maine taxpayers to allocate a dedicated \$5 million in general funds annually beginning in fiscal year 2027-28 to a single grantee to oversee statewide “family planning services,” create a fund, and replace lost federal Title X funding for providers, including those who withdraw from Title X due to federal conditions.

We oppose this state appropriation for several reasons:

Public dollars should not subsidize organizations that directly or indirectly participate in ending innocent human life. While supporters characterize this bill as merely “family planning,” experience shows that broad funding streams often subsidize or indirectly support entities that provide abortion or refer for abortion, contrary to the value of protecting life at all stages.

This bill effectively rescues providers that may choose to operate outside federal funding restrictions in order to maintain abortion-related services. It reimburses “federally unfunded providers” for services provided on or after July 1, 2025, regardless of federal conditions. This exposes Maine taxpayers to financially supporting providers specifically due to their non-compliance with federal anti-abortion funding safeguards.

### 2. Competing State Priorities

Maine faces myriad urgent challenges that demand critical resources — from strengthening rural health care and mental health services to addressing homelessness, workforce shortages, K-12 education, infrastructure, and substance use disorder treatment. State general funds are limited and must be prioritized for programs that protect life, strengthen families, and directly benefit Maine children and vulnerable populations. Affordability is a word bouncing around our culture recently. Maine people are asking for help from their government, LD 335 does not help Maine people but does allow Big Abortion to again avoid the consequences of their actions.

Instead of further subsidizing reproductive health providers under broad umbrellas, the Legislature should invest in:

Maternity care, adoption support, and parenting services that affirm life and strengthen families.

Programs that prevent unintended pregnancies through education and support without incentivizing or subsidizing abortion-related entities.

Direct support for mothers and children, including prenatal care, childcare accessibility, and economic assistance.

### 3. Public Accountability & Transparency

This bill centralizes funds through a single grantee and broad categories, which makes public oversight difficult. Passing LD 335 would continue an alarming precedent in Maine Leadership to pick winners and losers by funding one entity. Providing millions in general funds without clear statutory restrictions that explicitly prohibit any use of state dollars for abortion services or referral risks mission drift and public

funds being used in ways that many Mainers oppose.

If the Legislature advances funding for reproductive health services, it should do so with explicit safeguards that:

Prohibit any state dollars from being used to provide, promote, or refer for abortion. Ensure funding goes only to providers who affirmatively pledge compliance with state pro-life law.

Include stringent reporting and accountability to taxpayers.

#### 4. Philosophical and Moral Objections

Maine Right To Life stands for the protection of all innocent human life, and we believe the state should not expand or continue funding of any organization that ends lives — either directly or indirectly — through broad definitions of “family planning.” Taxpayer support for such organizations diminishes the value of human life and is morally objectionable to many Mainers.

#### Conclusion

For these reasons, we oppose LD 335 in its current form and respectfully urge the Committee to:

Vote “ought not to pass.”

Instead consider alternative approaches that support life-affirming care, maternal health, and assistance to women and families without subsidizing or indirectly funding organizations associated with abortion services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike