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LD 335

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services, I'm Leeann Brionez. I live in Westbrook, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 335.

I think it's important that people get basic health care, and Planned Parenthood does a great job in helping people with any health care they need. After I got taught sex ed, I heard great things about Planned Parenthood. I researched it and scheduled an appointment.

People think they know you and assume instead of taking the time to listen to you. You have to find a person who has the same passion as you do to make them believe you about an issue you have. Planned Parenthood believed me, so I didn't have that issue. My experience at the appointment was fantastic. The people there were very nice, and they answered all my questions.

I am a firm believer that you should advocate for what you believe in. I believe that all people should know about sex ed and how to access it, and sometimes, places like Planned Parenthood are the only source someone has for that. If Planned Parenthood didn't have the funding, many people would lack the opportunities to get birth control, STI testing, and abortions, and parents would suffer because they wouldn't have the resources to provide that for their families somewhere else. Their health care would go away if Planned Parenthood didn't have enough funding and were shut down. There would be a lot more people scared and unsure of whether they could trust the schools or any doctors who could help them. People trust Planned Parenthood to believe them and take the time to listen and not judge.

With the attacks on the federal level, Maine needs to provide funding to keep Planned Parenthood going. Maine deserves protected access to care. Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 335.