

Do not approve LD 335. This legislation is a further step in the wrong direction for this state. With so many needs begging for state attention, why is this permanent funding for abortion providers the number one concern? Taxpayers should not be forced to fund abortion providers, PERIOD. If their business model no longer works, why should taxpayers bail them out?

If the state has so much extra money, why not fund maternity care, birthing centers, adoption, foster care. It is no secret that Maine has some very serious problems with Children's Services and the shocking treatment of children. Why not support pre-born children and their parents?

Many Maine maternity wards and birthing centers are closing because of a lack of funding. Why not dedicate the money to that?

Why are abortion providers asking for more money after receiving legislative approval for more in the last session? Why create a permanent fund of \$5 million dollars when news reports indicate Planned Parenthood might lose \$2 million in federal funding? Why give them more than twice as much?

Maine needs to support and strengthen families, to protect mothers and babies. LD 335 destroys families.

We implore you to do the right thing and vote this legislation down.

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