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LD 335

Dear Committee Members:

I oppose LD 335. It would appear this proposed law is to provide funding to replace the Federal cuts and reduction of funding for abortion providers. The funds sought after in this bill far exceed the 800K to 2 million the Planned Parenthood and Family Planning have been receiving. Why is that? It is not the Maine taxpayers responsibility subsidize the abortion industry.

Abortion is not healthcare as pregnancy is not a state of disease. If lawmakers really cared about its citizens, they wouldn't kill them through proposed laws such as LD335. Instead, they would legislate with laws that provide funding for prenatal care, support for pregnant women, expand pregnancy / birth centers, and adoption services.

The tired argument that Planned Parenthood and Family Planning provides much needed healthcare is a lie. Basic women's healthcare is provided by any doctor's office or walk in clinic. We do not need separate services that operate under the guise of basic women's healthcare. Let's be honest, it is not basic women's healthcare services that keep these clinics open and turn enough of a profit to pay its employees. Abortion that does that. So when lawmakers propose to to fund these so called women's health clinics, they are really asking to fund abortion.

I know I do not speak alone when I say am fed up with lawmakers who push through legislation that takes our hard earned money and spends it on things that do not support our people and communities. If you are going to take more money out of our pocket, then do it for something people can get behind. Do it for life.

I am a Catholic. I am a registered nurse. I am a mother. I whole heartedly and unequivocally reject the idea that MY tax dollars fund abortion services.

Please think about what you are truly voting for; vote for life and oppose LD335.