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## Testimony in SUPPORT of LD 335, An Act to Protect Funding for Family Planning Services

### Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Esteemed Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

My name is Madeleine DesFosses, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The Maine AAP is a professional organization of 300 pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists dedicated to protecting the health of Maine children and adolescents. We are in support of LD 335, An Act to Protect Funding for Family Planning Services.

The Maine AAP strives to preserve and strengthen access to comprehensive healthcare for Maine children, adolescents and families, including access to sexual and reproductive health services. Organizations like Maine Family Planning provide this vital care to patients across the state, helping to prevent unintended pregnancies and births through a range of services, such as birth control counseling and STI prevention, abortions, and prenatal care. Since 2008, adolescent pregnancies and births have [declined significantly](#) in Maine - a change which can be attributed in part to the care offered by family planning providers across the state.

Unfortunately, federal funding for providers who offer these services is under threat, leaving patients and communities across Maine in a precarious, nerve-racking place. LD 335 is an opportunity for the Maine Legislature to protect funding for family planning services, ensuring clinics stay open in the face of impending federal changes.

LD 335 also protects access to primary care and school-based care, as these as Title X dollars currently support sexual and reproduction health services at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and School Based Health Centers (SBHCs), in addition to the many clinics operated by Maine Family Planning and Planned Parenthood. Maine is already facing a significant shortage of providers, and FQHCs and SBHCs provide essential care to patients and families across Maine that may otherwise go without access to preventive healthcare. We cannot leave these frontline providers vulnerable to additional funding reductions - legislative action is needed.

Maine's healthcare position is in a fragile state with imminent federal changes on the horizon, but LD 335 presents an opportunity to make our healthcare system stronger by creating a state funding mechanism to proactively support and protect reproductive health care services, primary care, and school-based health care. **We urge you to help keep clinic doors open for Maine patients, and vote 'Ought to Pass' on LD 335.**

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