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LD 335

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Greetings, Mesdames and Sirs,

My name is Charles Bradshaw. I live in Hancock.

I am writing to urge you, the members of Health and Human Services Committee, to oppose the enactment of LD 335, "An Act to Protect Funding for Family Planning Services." I realize the Public Hearing on this bill has already taken place.

In the text of the proposed Act, there are many mentions of "family planning," one of "reproductive health," and none of abortion. Nevertheless, Planned Parenthood is the biggest provider of abortions in this state. I object to the use of limited State funds to pay for abortions.

Why is the "right" of a mother to end the life of her unborn young so absolute? The State has an equal obligation to defend the right of the person in the womb. Is the Legislature ready for a debate about when it is right to end the life of an innocent human being?

I doubt very much whether, when Planned Parenthood counsels an expectant mom about her choices, they steer her toward choices that would allow both her and the baby to have a life.

Please don't invest State funds in more abortions. The money should be used to keep maternity wards open and improving DHHS's services to children and families.

Thank you for your service to the State of Maine.

Respectfully,
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