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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton in support of
LD 335: An Act to Protect Funding for Family Planning Services
To the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

Representative Meyer, Senator Ingwersen, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes the communities of Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Frenchboro, Swan's Island, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven.

At its core, this bill is about healthcare stability and continuity of care. It ensures that Mainers do not lose access to essential preventive health services because of shifting federal policies or funding conditions.

In rural and island communities like mine, healthcare access is already fragile. Patients often travel long distances for care, face limited provider availability, and struggle with affordability. When federal funding becomes uncertain or is withdrawn, it is patients — not policymakers — who experience the disruption.

Title X and related programs support contraception, cancer screenings, STI testing, and other preventive services that many Mainers rely on. These services are foundational to public health. LD 335 does not create new categories of care; rather, it creates a safeguard to maintain continuity if federal funding is reduced, eliminated, or conditioned in a way that prevents providers from participating.

At a time when many families are losing affordable access to health insurance, facing rising premiums, or navigating gaps in coverage, protecting access to preventive services becomes even more important. Preventive care reduces long-term costs, supports family stability, and strengthens community health outcomes.

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This legislation affirms that Maine will prioritize continuity of care and healthcare access for its residents, regardless of changes at the federal level.

I recognize that reproductive healthcare is an issue that evokes deeply held beliefs. I respect that reasonable people may disagree. My responsibility, however, is to protect access to healthcare for all Mainers, including those who rely on these services for preventive and primary care.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to support LD 335.

Thank you for your time and consideration.