



## Christian Civic League of Maine

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Senator Bailey, Representative Perry and members of the Maine Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, I am Mike McClellan, Policy Director for the Christian Civic League of Maine. The Christian Civic League of Maine envisions a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. We believe a Biblical approach works in life and including in governance.

I am here to testify in opposition to LD 616 **An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services** - Rep. Amy Kuhn of Falmouth

This bill prohibits an insurer that provides medical malpractice insurance in this State from taking any adverse action against a health care professional that provides abortion or other reproductive health care services on the sole basis that a health care professional is acting in violation of another state's law or a revocation or other adverse action against a health care professional's license in another state. As an aside, abortion buildings are blocked from health care inspections so it would be incorrect to call abortion in Maine healthcare.

This bill would make Maine a sanctuary state for activist abortion providers. The bill creates a special exception to encourage and support abortion providers in other states to break that state's law related to abortion. It requires that medical malpractice insurance providers do not consider any licensing or other infraction related to abortion when providing coverage in Maine. Break abortion law in OH? Don't worry, you can come to Maine and have a completely clean slate. Seems like a strange economic development focus.

This bill would make women more unsafe. The bill provides no allowance for discretion and doesn't acknowledge that some of these providers may have aborted babies even beyond the scope of Maine's law or that they may have provided abortion services in an unsafe or unsanitary way. It eliminates accountability of any kind for abortion providers by requiring insurers to look the other way no matter what the abortion-related infraction was - opening the door to dangerous or reckless providers in addition to activist providers. Again, Maine does not ask abortion buildings to do what healthcare organizations do...show they are safe and clean. This bill would support that strategy or perhaps religion of on demand regardless of safety.

This bill would require insurers to ignore the law. As an insurer considers risk related to any insurance policy, they must consider whether an applicant is willing to brazenly break another state's law. An auto liability insurer would never ignore all infractions a driver may have incurred while in another state--the infractions indicate a level of negligence and risky behavior that must be considered before providing a policy. Again, why would you give abortion buildings special treatment over health care operations, a rhetorical question.

Please vote against LD 616 and thus against big money, corporate interests. Or perhaps just support safety for women?

Thank you for your time and consideration today.

Know that many are hopeful of your actions and are praying for you and your families. God bless.