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LD 995

An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion if a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health and Safety Reasons

Position: Support

Senator Bailey Representative Perry, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Committee. My name is Karen Vachon. I am the Executive Director of Maine Right to Life in Auburn. On behalf of our members, I come before you today to speak in support of LD 995.

Maine Right to Life is a state affiliate of the National Right To Life Committee. We are a non-profit organization founded to protect and uphold the dignity and worth of every human life from conception to natural death by making abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia socially, ethically, and legally unacceptable and to actively promote positive alternatives.

We've heard the abortion rhetoric. An abortion should be decided between the woman and her trusted doctor. They call it "reproductive healthcare", but there is nothing "reproductive" about it – the word reproduction means to produce an offspring. Sadly, in this doctor/patient relationship, the third person is completely left out of the discussion.

What ever happened to the Hippocratic Oath? To do no harm? While I'd like to think doctors honor this, a cloud of suspicion covers this state when the Maine Medical Association supports abortion up until birth. They have tipped their hand toward death of the unborn, and now they want Mainer's to trust their doctor? I don't think so!

Last Friday, we heard Pro-Abortion advocates testify that giving birth was riskier than having an abortion. Again – failing to recognize that every time an abortion is performed a human life is lost.

Last Monday, we heard countless stories of doctors who got it wrong – they told their patients their pregnancy wasn't viable. And women chose not to abort, going on to deliver healthy babies.

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As Maine doctors promote death to the unborn, please allow pregnant women to get a second opinion from a doctor of their choice, when told their baby has a medical condition and should be aborted – anywhere, out of network – maybe even out of state.

Vote ought-to-pass on LD 995. Women in Maine deserve better. They deserve truth with confidence and assurance. This bill accomplishes that.

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