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Senator Bailey Representative Perry, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services Committee (HCIFS), thank you for the opportunity to present before you today.

I'm Penny Morrell, from Belgrade and am in favor of LD L.D. 995, "An Act to Provide Insurance Coverage for a Second Opinion If a Health Care Provider Recommends an Abortion for Health or Safety Reasons."

First, I want to thank Rep. Quint for sponsoring this bill.

If an abortion is one option for a medical issue, L.D. 995 requires insurance companies to allow a woman to get a second opinion with a maternal health care provider of her choice. The woman is not required to get a second opinion. It requires the health care provider to tell her she has the right to a second opinion. Along with the second opinion, she has the right to diagnostic procedures from a maternal health care provider she chooses. In other words, she's allowed to see any maternal health care provider she wants and get any diagnostics.

Please vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 995. Thank you!