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Senator Ingwersen and Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Maine Health and Human Services Committee my name is Mike McClellan. I am the Executive Director of Maine Right To Life, an organization that was established to honor the dignity and inherent value of every human life. I am here to testify against LD 143: An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services, sponsored by Sen. Teresa Pierce of Cumberland.

I am a former Maine Legislator and so I both appreciate and thank you each for your service. I start simply pointing out the folly of a notion that while we are here discussing government funded death of babies, it is possible that in another room in this building there is a discussion going on about Maine losing young adults who chose to leave the state or Maine not having enough people for the coming years.

As a former Maine Legislator (125th - 127th) I sat in seats like yours as we argued the traditional 2-party arguments about issues such as taxes, unions and paying for healthcare. As I look at the current state of the State of Maine, I find it incredible that you are even considering this legislation. It is not hard to see issues like workforce, education, infrastructure, the budget, our aging population, homelessness, all issues that should be a focus.

The Maine Development Foundation "Measures of Growth" 2024 edition was created, I believe in part, to give you guidance. The Measures of Growth look at about 25 indicators that tell us how Maine's economy is doing. Since some of you may have missed this, here are a few highlights: RED FLAGS - Labor Force, 4th Grade Reading, 8th Grade Math, Cost of Energy, Housing Availability and Mental/Behavioral Health. Our crime rate rose 6% even as we are viewed as one of the safest states. As I move on, in fairness there were some positive indicators as well. <https://www.mdf.org/economic-policy-research/measures-of-growth-report/>

That is a lot to focus on. True, most of these issues are not with your committee but you each also participate as a member of the entire Maine Legislature. LD 143 is asking for two appropriations of about \$6,000,000 each to be given to one entity. Hmm... Planned Parenthood announced last summer (I believe), they were going to be down \$8,000,000 over the next few years. Should I assume this is what we are discussing with LD 143? Please vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 143! Mike. (Note the link below on quotes of former abortion workers)

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Points to consider

Like many facts in this discussion there are two sides to the story...Americans sadly do support abortion but polls say they do not support Maine's level of abortion and they do not support funding.

Words that do not seem to mean what the abortion lobby says they mean:

Family planning

Choice

Maine does not require health and safety checks on abortion clinics. According to an article by LIVE ACTION, Planned Parenthood has been caught lying about services and safety, offering medical misinformation, eagerly accepting racist donations, assisting sex-traffickers, willingly aborting babies based on sex, and failing to report statutory rape. Live Action has devoted an entire website: <https://www.plannedparenthoodexposed.com/> to document all these abuses.

Top Five Reasons NOT to Fund Abortion

<https://theinterim.com/issues/abortion/top-five-reasons-not-to-fund-abortion/>

1. First, the phrase "government funding" is mythical. Civil government does not fund anything because it has no money. It can only force taxpayers to fund activities. So "government funding" of abortion is actually the state forcing taxpayers to fund abortion.

2. ...he declared the government should get out of the nation's bedrooms. Abortion advocates argue vigorously that the state should not be involved in any way in a woman's decision, but forcing other people to pay for it completely denudes their position of any credibility.
3. The purpose of health insurance is to provide for the healing of sickness. Pregnancy is not a disease, a sickness, nor a state of ill-health and no one would claim it was.
4. Fourth, except for cases of rape and incest, unwanted pregnancies do not just happen to people by accident. Unwanted pregnancies occur by people choosing to have sex when they are not ready for children.
5. ...the abortion movement organizes itself around the word "choice." When arguing for legalized abortion, advocates argue "freedom of choice" and claim their opponents want to deny people "freedom of choice." How can they then propose forcing people – against their will – to pay for these choices? The hypocrisy is disarming.

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Quotes

Safe abortions can't exist when the definition of an abortion is to kill a child.

-Dr. Abby Johnson

I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born.

-President Ronald Reagan

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want.

-Mother Teresa

The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend himself.

-Pope Francis

In reality, most women 'choose' abortion because they believe they have no other choice.

-Patricia Heaton

"I'm positively against it. I don't have the right to any other view." - "[If June and Ethel had been] of less character, I never would have gotten to live. These women gave me the gift of life."

(The legendary actor is unlike many liberals in Tinseltown. Nicholson, a staunch pro-lifer said in an interview about abortion, "I'm positively against it. I don't have the right to any other view," Nicholson's anti-abortion stance is a deeply personal one: his mother who had him when she was a teenager was pressured to have an abortion and didn't. It was the moral character of his mother and grandmother that stopped the abortion from happening. When asked about the abortion in a previous *Rolling Stone* interview, he said his only emotion was one of gratitude.

"[If June and Ethel had been] of less character, I never would have gotten to live. These women gave me the gift of life.").

-Jack Nicholson

Quotes from Former Abortion Clinic Workers and Doctors

[https://www.epm.org/resources/2010/Mar/2/quotes-abortion-clinic-workers-and-doctors-former-/](https://www.epm.org/resources/2010/Mar/2/quotes-abortion-clinic-workers-and-doctors-former/)