

Maine Association of School Nurses
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Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

The following Maine school nurses are in strong support of LD 217, *An Act to Require Schools to Provide Access to Free Condoms for Students in Grades 9 to 12 in the School Nurses's Office*.

Condom access, free of charge, is a powerful way to remove barriers to sexual and reproductive health for young Mainer's, which can reduce unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection among this vulnerable population.

The best data we have from the latest Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey tells us that 52.5% of Maine students are sexually active by Grade 12, and of sexually active students, only around half used a condom during their last sexual encounter (MIYHS). This makes it easy to understand why half of reported cases of STIs occur in adolescent and young adult populations (AAP). For more than a decade, the American Academy of Pediatrics has publicly supported condom access programs in school and community settings, to address this public health need.

As not all schools have a school nurse available every day, we request that committee members amend LD 217 to make it more equitable and impactful by changing the language to say that condoms can be accessed in the school nurse's office or "locations authorized by the school nurse."

Maine's young people deserve a healthy start to their sexual and reproductive lives, with all the tools to protect themselves and their peers. LD 217 demands a modest financial investment that can have widespread positive health benefits. We urge the Committee to vote Yes.

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Sign on to I Megan	Bullock	RN	Brunswick
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LD 217 An , Jessica	Wasco	RN	Gorham, Me
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