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LD 616

Members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, this is testimony IN FAVOR OF LD 616.

LD 616 directly supports Maine residents' right to a legal abortion by protecting medical professionals from retaliation originating from out-of-state. That retaliation, based on laws from outside Maine's jurisdiction, would be a bad precedent. It makes no sense to allow such retaliation against a person who is performing an act that is legal in Maine.

The needs of state law demand that entities from other states should not be able to enforce their state laws within a state which has contrary laws, and the needs of reproductive health demand that there be no barriers to the performance of lawful reproductive health measures.

Please protect Maine state jurisdiction as well as public health, and pass this bill. Thank you.