

Rep. Dan Ankeles  
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LD 2203

To the Honorable Members of the HCIFS Committee:

I'm writing in support of LD 2203, sponsored by your own Rep. Arford. As her friend and colleague, I feel strongly that medicinal forms of birth control should be covered, whether or not they require a prescription. This proposal is fair, it's fiscally prudent and it covers an essential element of the daily lives of so many people in Maine and throughout the nation. Birth control is a component of healthcare, and this type of law helps people of all income levels achieve the same access. This access means that people have more control over their lives, which is more important than ever at a time when we as a nation are engaged in a fierce debate about what happens when a pregnancy isn't prevented. I hope that the committee will see fit to vote out a favorable recommendation and I thank you for taking the time to review this testimony.