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LD 2203

Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, my name is Carol Eisenberg, I live on Peaks Island, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2203.

As a woman and a mother of adult daughters, I urge you to prioritize access to birth control as an essential element of reproductive autonomy. Insurance coverage of FDA-approved over-the-counter contraceptives addresses health and access equity issues. The cost, logistics, and time concerns of missing work, arranging childcare, etc., to schedule and attend a doctor's appointment to obtain a prescription create barriers to accessing contraception. With LD 2203, you can take an important step in increasing access to birth control, which is a critical part of protecting our reproductive freedom. Especially as state and federal lawmakers across the country work to ban and restrict access to abortion, contraception, and related sexual and reproductive health care, we depend on our elected leaders in Maine to reflect the majority view that reproductive autonomy is a basic human right.