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Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and Members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, I'm Karl Otterson I live in South Paris, Maine, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 2203.

Nobody asks to be born.

The very least we can do as responsible human beings is to take all reasonable steps to insure that nobody is brought into the world by accident, but rather as a deliberate and loving choice.

Children deserve a stable home that is ready to provide for them.

Taking these principles as our givens, it follows that we must extend insurance benefits to the newly approved Opill. To place a financial burden on women seeking reliable over the counter birth control is to virtually guarantee that potential mothers, who are least ready to provide for a new citizen of Maine, are the most likely to be unable to defer that decision until they feel they are ready for the responsibility. This is not the way to raise happy, healthy, Maine families. LD 2203 pushes the odds towards children finding themselves born into a world where they feel welcomed and safe. What finer aim could we have?

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 2203. Thank you.

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