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LD 253, HP 0162 — An Act to Prevent the MaineCare Program from Covering Abortion Services

Testimony in Opposition

Submitted by Rep. Holly Eaton, House District 15

Good morning Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Representative Holly Eaton, and I proudly represent House District 15, which includes Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Swan's Island, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven.

I am writing in strong opposition to LD 253, which would prohibit the MaineCare program from covering abortion services. This bill creates unnecessary and harmful barriers to essential healthcare, targeting low-income Mainers simply because of how they're insured.

Abortion is healthcare — and no one should be denied that care because they are enrolled in MaineCare. This bill would deepen existing inequities and put lives at risk.

I have heard from constituents across every corner of my district who are deeply concerned about the national push to restrict reproductive freedom. They want Maine to remain a place where access to care is protected, and they've asked me to speak out on their behalf.

Please vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 253.

District 15: Brooklin, Deer Isle, Eagle Island Township, Frenchboro, Southwest Harbor,
Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven