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Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Maine Judiciary Committee, my name is Mike McClellan. I am the Executive Director of Maine Right To Life, an organization that was established to honor the dignity and inherent value of every human life. Our mission is to safeguard the sanctity of life from conception to natural death by working to make abortion, infanticide, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia socially, ethically, and legally unacceptable while actively promoting compassionate alternatives.

We strive to inform, educate, and inspire individuals from all backgrounds to advocate for life at every stage. Our vision is a world where abortion becomes unthinkable.

I am testifying in support of LD 253 An Act to Prevent the MaineCare Program from Covering Abortion Services which is sponsored by Representative Javner - Chester. I am writing to express my strong support for LD 253 which seeks to repeal Title 22, Section 3196 and end state-funded abortion coverage under MaineCare. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund elective abortion procedures, particularly when there are deeply held moral and ethical objections among Maine citizens.

Public funding for abortion is neither a necessity nor an appropriate use of state resources. Especially in the current Maine environment, we have far too many issues that affect all people, this funding would appear to be agenda driven and inappropriate. Medicaid, a program designed to support essential healthcare for low-income individuals, should prioritize services that promote life, maternal health, and comprehensive prenatal care. The state should not be compelled to finance abortion procedures that are not covered under federal Medicaid guidelines.

By repealing this provision, Maine will ensure that state funds are allocated responsibly, focusing on critical healthcare needs rather than subsidizing a procedure that remains a subject of intense ethical and social debate. Furthermore, encouraging alternatives such as adoption services, parenting support programs, and expanded access to prenatal and postnatal care will provide individuals with real choices that affirm life and support both mothers and children. The state should invest in these programs rather than directing public money toward elective procedures that are not healthcare and endorse death.

I urge you to support this legislation and vote in favor of LD 253. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mike