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LD 253

Dear Senator Anne Carney and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jennifer McNamara, a concerned resident of Tremont. I firmly oppose LD 253, An Act to Prevent the MaineCare Program from Covering Abortion Services. Access to abortion services saves lives, and like any other essential and life-saving healthcare, it should be covered under MaineCare. Furthermore, the right to choose when to have a child is not something that should be reserved only for those who have private insurance or the ability to pay out of pocket. Restricting bodily autonomy for the poor will put an extreme burden on our communities and the people of Maine. We should do everything we can to lift women and families out of poverty so that our communities and economy can thrive. Restricting access to family planning services like abortion keeps women and families in poverty, and it is wrong. When individuals cannot afford safe and effective abortion, they turn to unsafe alternatives that can lead to higher maternal deaths in the future. I strongly urge you to oppose this bill.

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