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LD 253

Dear Members of the Maine Legislature,

I am writing to strongly oppose LD 253, "An Act to Prevent the MaineCare Program from Covering Abortion Services." Access to comprehensive healthcare, including abortion services, is fundamental to ensuring the dignity, health, and economic security of women and families in Maine. Restricting MaineCare coverage for abortion services would disproportionately affect our most vulnerable residents, exacerbating healthcare outcome inequities and creating additional barriers to essential healthcare. Abortion restriction laws passed in other states have demonstrably and irreparably harmed women's health (see the recent ProPublica article "Texas Banned Abortion. Then Sepsis Rates Soared.")

Healthcare decisions should remain personal, private, and free from unnecessary financial barriers or governmental interference. Denying coverage will not prevent abortions—it will only increase hardship, risk health complications, and deepen economic disparities.

I urge you to oppose LD 253 and affirm Maine's commitment to equitable, accessible healthcare for all residents.

Thank you.