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### **L.D. 1333: Bad for Women. Bad for Maine**

#### ***Maine Women's Lobby adds Voices to Mounting Opposition to L.D. 1333***

Augusta – Today the Maine Women's Lobby joined public health, consumer protection and citizen advocacy organizations in voicing opposition to L.D. 1333, a heavily-amended insurance reform bill that bypassed public input and could receive a vote in the House as early as today.

“Women have too much to lose if L.D. 1333 were to pass. The bill fundamentally alters the health insurance system in Maine” said Charlotte Warren, Associate Director of the Maine Women's Lobby. “This bill permits out of state insurers to sell plans in Maine, exempt from Maine's coverage requirements. That's bad news for women who rely on coverage for maternity care. Dismantling Maine's longstanding consumer protections should not be confused with reform.”

The Maine Women's Lobby urges the House of Representatives to soundly reject this misguided and mismanaged insurance bill.

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