

CONCERNED
WOMEN *for* AMERICA
OF MAINE

**Statement by
Catherine Carsley, Encourage-A-Legislator Coordinator
Concerned Women for America of Maine**

**Regarding L.D. 820,
"An Act to Prevent Discrimination in Public and Private
Insurance Coverage for Pregnant Women in Maine"**

March 27, 2019

Sen. Sanborn, Rep. Tepler, and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Service Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am Catherine Carsley, Encourage-A-Legislator Coordinator for Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Maine.

I oppose L.D. 820, "An Act to Prevent Discrimination in Public and Private Insurance Coverage for Pregnant Women in Maine."

I have participated in the *40 Days for Life* prayer event each year held in front of Family Planning in Augusta. I have read Abby Johnson's book, *Unplanned*, in which she tells of her struggles with her own abortions and her experience working in an abortion facility. I have heard the testimonies of post-abortive women who suffer the loss of their child(ren), guilt, shame, and empty arms.

Abortion is wrong. It's legal in our country, but I don't want to pay for it with my taxes or my insurance premiums.

I respectfully ask this committee to vote L.D. 820 "ought not to pass." Thank you.