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Maine tax payers are sick and tired of paying for abortion! Mainers deserve transparency and truth!

There is, yet another, wolf in sheep's clothing. It's Sara Gideon's bill **LD 1613** -*An Act Regarding Women's Health and Economic Security*. At first glance, it sounds quite noble. Get under the hood, and it is anything but. We are calling on you to take action! **Please contact your State Representative and State Senator and tell them to vote NO on LD 1613.**

This one-liner bill was submitted as a concept draft. A public hearing was held, with only the title. A few days before the hearing, and after much digging around, it was learned that this bill is about replacing "lost" Title X funds under the new Trump Rule. A couple key points:

1. These were not "**lost**" funds. Rather, Planned Parenthood and Family Planning of Maine, **CHOSE** not to accept these funds because of the requirement to **physically separate** abortion from family planning services.
2. At the public hearing, [Planned Parenthood and Family Planning of Maine](#) publicly stated that none of the funds would be used to perform abortions. If this were true, why wouldn't they comply with the new rule and accept the funds? They rejected them. **Now they want Maine taxpayers to fork over \$3M.**

3. The new Trump rule is very similar, not only to the Reagan/Bush Era; it is also aligned with the original purpose of the program, which was first introduced in 1970. The program **strictly prohibited abortion**. The program also clearly stated that **abortion is not family planning**.
4. At the public hearing, the public testimony was held to a carefully monitored 3 minute clock.
5. Not one single question was asked by any members of the committee. When a lawmaker was asked about this, we were told it was because the committee has already made up their mind how they will vote. Mainer's deserve more than lip service.
6. Having a public hearing on a [one-line concept draft](#) is not only unheard of, it is sneaky, deceiving, and Mainer's were left out in the dark.

To see the amended version of the bill brought to the public hearing, scroll through [Sara Gideon's testimony](#). [59 people testified](#) at the hearing. To date - the amendment still isn't posted on Maine.gov. Here is the article from the [Portland Press Herald](#).

Please contact your state Representative and State Senator today!

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Thank you,

Your Friends at Maine Right to Life Committee