



To: Senator Claire Ayer, Chair and Members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee

From: Abigail Rogers, Director, Advocacy and Government Affairs,
March of Dimes Northeast

Date: February 25, 2018

Re: SUPPORT – S.174 An act relating to the Exchange special enrollment period for pregnancy

Dear Senator Ayer and Members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee:

The March of Dimes Foundation would like to express support for S.174.

It is important for women to have the health coverage before, during and after a pregnancy. By allowing women the ability to make important health care coverage decisions based on their needs while pregnant, provides this population choice in the Exchange plan coverage. It allows access to care options that will be fit their needs during their pregnancies.

The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of women of childbearing age, infants and children by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. We hope that the committee will move this important legislation forward.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Rogers', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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