

Prochoice Supporter
Maine
LD 616

I write today in support of LD 616, and thank the sponsors of this bill who have brought it forward to the HCIFS Committee. Since June of 2022, a woman's right to obtain safe access to an abortion is under deep threat. While I would gladly supply statistics and studies that show how limiting abortion access for woman has worse outcomes than non-limiting factors, unfortunately opponents of this issue would not listen and do not care. So I feel it necessary to show my support of this legislation by clearly stating to those opponents, shut-up and mind your own business. A woman who is struggling to decide on whether to abort a child is already dealing with enough hurt, loss, financial, and medical challenges. When it comes to making such a hard decision, the argument of one's religion, who is against abortion, you do not matter to someone who deciding what they want to do with their own life and reproductive rights. Your opinions whether to a point or not are irrelevant, and have nothing to do with what the person is deciding for themselves. I urge the committee to support LD 616 and all other legislation that protects a woman's right to choose. Thank you for hearing my testimony.