

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Distinguished Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Anne Gass and I'm writing in support of LD 1343 - An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation.

It is unconscionable that women's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness should be in any way abridged by legislation forcing them to bear children. This is a choice a woman alone should make, in consultation with her medical advisers.

LD 1343 would ensure that extremists could not enact legislation that would prohibit women from accessing the reproductive health care they need.

I would add, however, that LD 1343 should be amended to explicitly include contraception, since extremists also assert that some forms of contraception are "abortifacients."

I urge you to protect women's right to choose whether and when to become mothers.