

LD494 An act to conform state funding to the federal Hyde Amendment
limiting funding for some abortion services.

I am writing today in support of LD494. The Hyde Amendment was enacted in the 70s as a compromise. Abortion became legal and the Hyde Amendment allowed that tax payers would not pay for it, thereby those who are opposed to abortion are not forced to pay for it. Abortion is a heavy subject, we are talking about ending a person's life. With such high stakes and such strong ethical concerns at hand, the Hyde Amendment found middle ground. In 2019 Maine took that middle ground away, this legislation brings back a civil, tolerant, empathetic session that recognizes both views on the subject of abortion.

Thank you for your service and attention. Please vote yes on LD494.

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