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LD 1197

LD 1197 - An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion

Position: Support

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Clare Desrosiers, from Linneus, ME. I am submitting testimony in Support of LD 1197.

The goals of this bill are to protect women by providing information and resources to empower them in making decisions.

First, this bill is a straightforward requirement for additional notice and information to be provided to any woman seeking an abortion. It's common sense with any serious medical procedure to have notice of rights and risks related to that procedure.

Second, women and teens seeking an abortion often are pressured to do so by family or domestic partners. This bill is important because it provides additional protections for women and teens which will protect them from being coerced or threatened into getting an abortion. It also ensures that women and teens are provided with resources to help them get out of unsafe relationships. Further, it ensures that businesses do not discriminate against women who are pregnant.

For these reasons, I ask the committee to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1197.

Thank you.