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

I am Katrin Teel of Glenburn, Maine. I am writing to testify in support of L.D. 1197, An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion.

This bill is a straightforward requirement for additional notice and information to be provided to any woman seeking an abortion, orally and in writing, in a language and manner that will be understood by the patient. This concept is not rocket science. It's common sense with any serious medical procedure to have notice of rights and risks related to that procedure. As I am sure you would agree, informed consent is a right, not a privilege.

Toward that end, I encourage you to vote Ought to Pass on L.D. 1197. Thank you for allowing me to contribute my testimony.