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Senator Anne Carney, Representative Matt Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Cait Vaughan and I am a staff member with Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights (GRR!), an education and advocacy organization dedicated to advancing reproductive health, rights and justice for present and future generations. I'm testifying on behalf of GRR! in opposition to **LD 771: An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion.**

This bill is a solution in search of a problem and not based in the realities of abortion care provision nor medical science. Abortion providers are trained in and adhere to regulated informed consent practices. When a pregnant patient comes to a clinic for care, they are made aware of their options. If a patient demonstrates uncertainty or hesitation when they arrive to receive an abortion, clinics offer rescheduling their appointment to give them additional time to consider their options and refer the patient to trusted sources of free, unbiased and confidential counseling. Abortion providers only want to provide the care requested and needed by patients.

Additionally, it is unclear if this bill refers to a debunked process called "abortion pill reversal". This is intentional misinformation which has been refuted by many major medical associations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)¹. ACOG explicitly states that so-called abortion pill reversal procedures are "unproven and unethical." The insistence of its existence by anti-abortion advocates is intentionally confusing and a tactic to deter patients from medically accurate information and care options.

GRR!s want pregnant Mainers to feel supported and safe, and LD 771 is insulting to pregnant people. We urge the committee to oppose LD 771.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cait Vaughan & GRR!s across Maine

¹ <https://www.acog.org/advocacy/facts-are-important/medication-abortion-reversal-is-not-supported-by-science>