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LD 494

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

My name is Isabelle Schmidt, from Bowdoin.

I am writing to speak in support of LD 494, “An Act to Conform State Funding to the
Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services.”

As things stand since 2019, Maine taxpayers have been held financially responsible
for abortions all across Maine. I conscientiously object to being given no choice but
to encourage the intentional killing of the unborn for no good excuse. This is against
the Hyde Amendment and does no good for the character of those who would use
abortion as birth control. Anyone exercising their choice to get pregnant who then
chooses abortion ought at least to take financial responsibility for their choice to abort
their child.

There are many unfortunate Mainers who have fatal diseases and conditions unrelated
to their choice. It is especially not fair to them either that careless residents of Maine
receive financial government support from our pockets to “fix” their bad choices.

Please vote “ought to pass” on LD 494. Thank you.