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LD 1197

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 1197, "An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion."

In order to qualify as true health care, medical professionals ought always to inform anyone, in writing and orally, about everything possibly related to their personal health condition, including their legal rights considering this condition. Pregnant women ought never to be the exception to this.

Within this bill, many requirements, regarding medical professionals serving pregnant women, are thoughtfully provided in order to more properly safeguard a woman's well-being. Whatever the nature of the initial help sought out by the pregnant woman, a position of clear, sincere and thoroughly informed professional counsel and concerned assessment is the best response to the patient preceding her ultimate decision concerning the child.

Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 1197. Thank you.