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Basic rights shouldn't be up for debate every election year. A reproductive autonomy constitutional amendment would make sure that the rights Mainers have today will be protected in the future. Mainers deserve the opportunity to make their voices heard and affirm that the Maine state constitution protects reproductive rights. As elected leaders, lawmakers have an obligation to pass the so that all Maine voters can weigh in directly on this issue at the ballot box. Maine has strong laws protecting reproductive rights, but laws can be changed, and their fates

can be determined from election to election. We need our state constitution to make it explicit that reproductive rights are fundamental human rights, and they aren't up for debate, regardless of the shifting political winds. Everyone should be able to make their own decisions about their reproductive healthcare and how, when, and if they decide to start a family. A reproductive autonomy amendment would explicitly enshrine Mainers' rights to do that in the state constitution.