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Hello, my name is Jennifer Therrien, I live in Eliot, Maine.
am writing to express my strong desire to see LD 780 passed.

As a woman, a mother to a daughter of reproductive age and of a son who may one day find himself needing to support a woman's' choice for her body, and a registered nurse who works in labor and delivery, I know (and have seen first hand) how critical it is that the choices a person makes for their reproductive rights remain theirs, and theirs alone, to make. Ensuring that reproductive autonomy is a constitutional right in Maine, especially given the frightening changes we have seen federally, is more critical than ever. Protecting the right to have full control over one's reproductive choices allows those with uteruses not only have control over the decisions we make for our bodies in a moment, but carries far-reaching consequences for giving us full control over our futures. Please protect Mainers- leave the government out of the business of our bodies. Let us be the ones decide for ourselves if and when we would like to bear a child: a decision that affects so many of our aspirations and goals, both personally and professionally; TRUST us to know what is best for ourselves, our bodies and our futures.