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LD 780

Senator Carney, Representative Mooney, Members of The Judiciary Committee,
My name is Alice Canning Senko, I was born and raised in Maine and am a Maine resident.

I urge you to vote to pass LD 780.

Women and often very young women (children really) who are in the situation of an unplanned and or unwanted pregnancy for any reason have the right to choose the optimal outcome for themselves. Lawmakers could never, ever understand the individual circumstances of another human being's situation and have no right to dictate what a woman or a teenager decides to do with her body with regards to reproduction. Having a child is an enormous privilege and an enormous responsibility.

As adults, we have a societal responsibility to support pregnant women and pregnant teens in their healthcare and cannot revert to a scenario that is dangerous to physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

Also, making abortion inaccessible in a state where we have a very high population of economically disadvantaged women and teens adds another burden and risk to those who cannot afford the travel or other means necessary to terminate a pregnancy that they feel unable to continue for a variety of reasons.

Maine has a history of being a caring, compassionate, socially responsible state. A woman or teens's right to choose is an essential female human right and must be legally preserved.

We all know men and male teens can impregnate women and teens without consequence. Women and teens must be legally and medically safe to choose what happens in their own bodies.

Please vote to Ought to PASS on LD 780.

Thank you.