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Senator Carney, Representative Mooney, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,
My name is Sarah Otterson. I was born and raised in Maine, and am a Maine resident.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

In the fall of 1970, I was a sophomore at the University of Rhode Island, and I confided in a dear friend that I needed birth control advice. She sent me to Planned Parenthood in Providence. I was grateful for the confidential, nonjudgemental help Planned Parenthood gave me then, and I have been a supporter of them ever since. So, one reason that I was dismayed when Roe v Wade was overturned in June, 2022 and in the cascading events that followed threatening reproductive rights across the country, was that Planned Parenthood might not be available to young people in 2024 going forward.

I am proud of the State of Maine and its stance on reproductive rights. However, the constitutional amendment as written in LD 780 will protect those rights. Rights that cannot be taken away if political will should change in our state. Maine voters should have the opportunity to voice their opinion on this issue.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sarah Otterson