

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Moonen,

I am writing in support of LD 780, a resolution that proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine in order to protect the rights of women in the arena of reproductive health.

It is my belief that basic reproductive rights for women should not be subject to debate on a yearly basis, and therefore, that passing this resolution to amend the state constitution is the correct thing for the legislature to do. Currently, 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.

Every individual 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 Mainer's rights to do that in the state constitution.

I urge you to vote in favor of LD 780.

Thank you,

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