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LD 780

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Laura Lander, I live in Machias, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

As a woman, mother and grandmother, I have valued reproductive freedom for myself, and will not be quiet about insuring that same freedom for my daughters and granddaughters. Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their own healthcare, and how, when and if they decide to start or grow their family. This is BASIC. Every doctor should be free to act in the highest good of their patients without fear of reprisal by government.

Because reproductive rights are essentially the basic right of bodily autonomy, and as well, affect our basic healthcare, and in addition are a fundamental part of human rights, they should not be able to come up for debate every election year. They are too important! Thankfully, Maine has strong laws protecting reproductive rights. However, it is vital that Maine enshrines these rights in our state constitution.

Maine people deserve the opportunity for their voice to be heard to affirm that the state constitution protects our reproductive rights. I believe that lawmakers, as elected leaders have the obligation to allow that opportunity at the ballot box.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

Thank you.

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