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LD 780

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Heather Dunbar, I live in Yarmouth, ME, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

I believe that we as women have the human right to maintain control over our bodies, and I am proud of Maine for submitting a bill to make reproductive autonomy a constitutional right for Maine women, now and in the future.

The decision about whether, and when, to birth a child is a deeply personal and impactful decision in a woman's life, and should not be up for debate by lawmakers each election year. This bill would allow the people of Maine to have their voices heard, and to affirm this basic human right in our state constitution.

The national news has made us aware of terrible tragedies occurring in states where abortion has been made inaccessible. Young women, who's lives are in danger, are unable to receive life saving medical care because their human right to maintain control of their bodies was not protected in the state constitution. This cannot happen here in Maine. We are better than that. We have created a rich history of a caring and independent social fabric. We can trust each other with the personal liberty to choose what is right for each of us when it comes to decisions about our physical bodies and starting a family. Full stop.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 780. Thank you.