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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Regarding L.D. 780, " RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy."

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Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee. I'm Rachel Trainer of Mt. Vernon, Maine.

I oppose L.D. 780.

Mothers and children's lives and health will be at risk if this bill becomes law. Only 22% of the public polled in 2023 favored abortions in the third trimester. That is what LD 1619 last year passed. This bill would add it to our Constitution making it impossible to keep the commonsense protections we currently have in Statute like parental consent, informed consent, etc.

The First Amendment guarantees the rights of conscience and religious exercise. Passage of L.D.780 might jeopardize healthcare workers' rights in this regard.

For these and many other reasons, I ask that this committee vote L.D. 780 "ought not to pass." Thank you.