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LD 780

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I'm Samantha Bernard, I live in Sanford, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

I was born and raised in Maine and have had opportunities to leave Maine but have always come back. I have chosen to raise my two sons here, I have chosen to own property here, I have chosen to have a job here and I should be able to choose what I do with my body and have full autonomy over it.

Maine people deserve the opportunity to make their voices heard and affirm that Maines constitution will protect reproductive rights. One of the reasons I continue to live in Maine and choose Maine as my home for my children is because we have continued to be on the right side of history. We want to progress, we want to have a safe place for everyone, we want to support marginalized groups, we want to progress. I want this to be another reason why people should live here and be proud to be a Mainer.

I hope that Maine continues to be on the right side of history by protecting our communities reproductive rights and be able to let us choose if we want to start a family or not and keep bodily autonomy a top priority.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 780. Thank you