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LD 780

Dear Committee Members,

I am a doctor and had a general practice in South China Maine from 1988 until 2004. As part of that practice I provided outpatient gynecologic care including family planning and referral for pregnant patients.

For women with unplanned pregnancies I was free to provide unbiased information on options for pregnancy management based on my confidential discussions with each individual woman. If a woman did not want to continue a pregnancy I made the appropriate referrals, just as I did for those women choosing to continue with their pregnancies.

The ability for every woman to have this full range of choices for herself, without any outside interference, needs to be a Right protected under Maine's Constitution. Every woman's health, and in some cases her life, depends on this protection.

Please vote in favor of LD 780 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy.

Respectfully,  
Robert P. Hayes, D.O.