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I unequivocally support an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy. I am 73 years old and frankly am appalled I am in the position of having to comment on an issue which until recently was a federally protected constitutional right. Bodily autonomy is a fundamental human right. We are beginning to see the horrific consequences suffered by women when the government intervenes in her health care decision. I am proud of Governor Mills and this legislature regarding enactment of recent laws expanding reproductive health care rights--but those laws are vulnerable to money, to power, to politics. The majority of people in the State of Maine support LD 780--mothers, sisters, daughters, fathers, husbands, sons and brothers alike. To believe that government has the authority to make medical or any other decision regarding a woman's reproductive health is to believe that women as a gender, lack the capacity to do so --sadly a position which remains politically viable in this world and in this country. Give the people of Maine a voice--support this amendment.