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LD 780

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in opposition to LD 780, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy

In short, there are plenty of protections in place for abortion in the State of Maine and enshrining abortion in the constitution would make it almost impossible to enact future measures to protect women and unborn children.

This will create an unfettered right to abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy by asserting a right to “personal reproductive autonomy.” Although I am personally against abortion as I see it as killing an unborn child, it is clear that the majority of Americans are firmly against abortion past the first trimester as shown in a June 2023 Gallup poll.

The science has also established that over half of babies are viable past 24 weeks gestation. This amendment would allow the death of a baby at any point in the nine month gestation period, nullifying existing Maine laws meant to protect viable babies.

Amending the constitution should be very carefully considered and done infrequently. Maine has plenty of laws allowing women to have an abortion, even up until the ninth month. There is no need to take this extraordinary step.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.