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FREEPORT
LD 780

Sen. Carney, Rep Moonen and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I'm Catherine Stivers, I live in Freeport and I strongly urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780. I have a family history that includes the death of my mother in 1962 from an illegal and secretive out-of-state abortion that resulted in sepsis. She left behind three children under the age of ten.

For obvious reasons this has had a lifelong impact on all of us. I am also the mother and now grandmother of three children, spent my career working with children, and wholeheartedly believe in the sanctity of all beings. And this includes a respect for the wisdom of women as they navigate life choices, especially reproductive rights for which they and their bodies are the touchstones in all respects.

Please vote Ought to Pass to ensure that Maine voters have the opportunity to codify the state's leadership role as a beacon of safe harbor and stewardship for women's reproductive autonomy.