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LD 780

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

As a mother of two young boys, I know the incredible joy-- but also the enormous emotional, physical, and financial challenges -- that pregnancy and parenthood bring. When I became pregnant, I was fortunate enough to be in good health and have access to great medical care, a solid support system, job flexibility, and financial security. Above all, I wanted to have a child. There are countless personal factors that go into the decision about whether or not to have a child, and that decision must be completely up to the individual.

Whether or not to be pregnant and have a child is one of the most important decisions in a person's life. Government should have no say in it. Maine needs to protect the reproductive autonomy and rights of its citizens, and passing LD 780 is essential to doing this. Please vote Ought to Pass.

Thank you,
Laura Brodin