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I am 62 and a lifelong supporter of reproductive rights. Who does my body belong to if not to me? My Lover? The State I happen to live in? The United States Government? I don't think so. My body belongs to me. I hold it was my right and my responsibility to decide whether to continue the unintended pregnancy I experienced when I was 20 years old. I was preparing to return to college after two years of struggling with depression and mania. My body suddenly bloomed and I knew at once that I was pregnant. I knew I couldn't possibly take care of a child at that time or give a baby away for adoption. With great sadness, I borrowed money from my girlfriends and had an abortion in Yarmouth. I am forever grateful that the abortion was legal, safe, local and affordable and that the doctor and nurse were kind to me. I was able to finish my college degree. Please give the people of Maine the chance to change our Constitution to reflect our values which include freedom from arbitrary government, freedom to make choices about our own lives, self care and responsibility. Thank you.

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