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LD 780

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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Melina Roberts, I live in Yarmouth, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

Many years ago I was in need of an abortion for reasons that are my own. I am so grateful that I had safe access to that abortion. The people at the facility I used here in Maine were thoughtful, professional and attentive. Maine women and families deserve to have that safe and dependable access to reproductive care. Abortion care and reproductive care should be enshrined in our constitution so that this basic human right will be protected regardless of who is elected in the future. Maine has strong laws protecting reproductive rights, but laws can be changed, and the fates of families and a woman's bodily autonomy can be determined from election to election. We need our state constitution to make it explicit that reproductive rights are fundamental human rights and they are not up for debate, regardless of the shifting political landscape. Abortion rights and reproductive autonomy are a basic human right that should be explicitly enshrined in our state constitution.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

Thank you for your time.