

## Maine Bill LD 780 Testimony

I am opposed to LD 780.

1. It is not necessary - Maine already has one of the most liberal abortion laws in this country that ensures an abortion option for all women choosing that decision.
2. The proposed amendment states it is to “protect personal reproductive autonomy”
  - a. How? (see #1 above)
  - b. This is a deceptive description used by liberal legislators as a scare tactic – making uninformed women think they have no options
  - c. This fuels this divisive issue plaguing our country and seeks to hide the fact that this is already fully protected in Maine.
  - d. It makes me regret living in this beautiful state and wonder how we got to the point of electing the unethical people we have representing us.
3. It is these same people who are pushing for legislation that would allow transgender mutilation without parental notification including for out-of-state children! Where does it end? All I can say is that I am grateful that my children are fully grown and were raised in a better world. Not perfect, but a world of difference from today.
4. Bottom line:
  - a. Both agendas are anti-life/anti- family and it is unconscionable that any legislator should be considering either of these without truly digging into all the issues involved and the potential harm.
  - b. It’s also necessary to exclude the biased Planned Parenthood sponsored research.
    - i. I don’t believe this will even be considered since they heavily fund campaigns and that appears to be where loyalties are.
5. Both our state and national profess to protect life and rights of all
  - a. I know that many don’t believe that life begins at conception, but a great many do and they are persecuted for it.
  - b. It’s fashionable today to ignore and plow over beliefs that do not fall lock step with liberal legislators and I find it difficult to understand how an entire population in this country can be brushed aside.
  - c. There may honestly be times when abortion is the correct choice (ex: the mother’s life is at risk or when a pre-born child is deemed “nonviable” by a qualified, unbiased medical professional).
6. All necessary rights to abortion are already protected under current Maine law.
  - a. Are these honestly no bigger issues that are not currently protected that legislators could be focused on? Issues that would help all citizens of this state?
7. I want to know the true motivation behind the effort to pass LD 780.
  - a. Do you want to take the tax dollars I pay in Maine to fund abortions? Don’t I get to request my funds go to something that benefits all Maine’s citizens?
  - b. Do you want to erode the religious values of a large percentage o f Maine’s citizens? (You’re making headway here. Congratulations.)
  - c. Need funds for your next campaign?
8. I am a citizen of Maine. I was a proud citizen at one time.

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