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LD 780

I am writing in support of LD 780. I've been a Maine resident since 2006, so I was glad when LD 1619 was enacted in 2023. This law gives people and their doctors the ability to make a decision to terminate a pregnancy without the state interfering.

State laws controlling reproductive freedom are critical. I had two abortions in my 20s—one before 1970 when abortion was illegal and one in 1972 after abortion had been legalized in NY State. I was able to make a decision to have a legal abortion because NY allowed that right. After the overturning of Roe, state laws allowing reproductive rights, health and access are essential.

However, access to abortion is at risk each election cycle. As a result, it is essential for Maine to enshrine the right to reproductive autonomy in Maine's constitution as provided in LD 780: Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy.

I strongly urge support for this bill.