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LD 780

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

I believe that all Mainers should be able to make their own decisions about their reproductive healthcare. We have seen many well-publicized cases from other states where this right has been taken away, and people have been forced to continue pregnancies that have put their lives and fertility in danger. I have many, many friends and family members who have had abortions. Many of them already had children, and many went on to have children after their abortions, when they were ready. They represent so many failures of birth control, and even a failed tubal ligation. These friends, along with all our citizens, should be able to make their own decisions on when to plan for expanding their families. And while Maine state law currently protects the rights of Mainers to make these decisions, this right should not be subject to the whims of whoever is governor or whichever party has a majority in the legislature. The decision on this right should be in the hands of the people of Maine. As elected leaders, lawmakers have an obligation to pass this bill, so that all Maine voters can weigh in directly on this issue at the ballot box.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 780. Thank you