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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Good afternoon! My name is Armelle Sigaud and I live in Rockland.

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Let me repeat that: Life is a Gift. Children are treasures. Do you not agree?

How can any mother say that their son or daughter who is now alive is "amazing"--as we have heard many times today--but the one they chose to get rid of is better off dead? Are you seriously saying that it is okay to destroy someone's life for their own good? Do you realize the implications of such a statement? Have we completely lost our moral compass?

Each and every one of us was once a tiny child. We started life inside the warm refuge of our mother's womb. Maybe the circumstances were not perfect, maybe our mother, for various reasons, wasn't quite ready to welcome us. But she did.

You would not be here today if your mother had not had the courage to give you the tremendous Gift of Life.

"Personal reproductive autonomy" sounds highly sophisticated, but what does it mean? Basically it means that instead of putting in place the support system that would help a mother to protect her baby, to give life to that little girl or little boy, to that precious treasure who has unlimited potential, instead of assisting the mother and her baby, the State of Maine is attempting to take the easy way out by enshrining into its Constitution the right to eliminate human beings until birth.

Eliminating human beings is what LD780 is about. Do not abandon the babies!

As a mother and grandmother, and as a senior caregiver who sees the profound value of every life, including the most vulnerable lives, I urge you to listen to your conscience. Have the courage to reject this new attempt to destroy our precious little ones.

Remember: Life is a Gift and children are treasures!

Please vote "ought not to pass" on LD780. Thank you.