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LD 780

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Roger St.Pierre and I am a resident of Westbrook. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 780.

The bill states "The State may not deny or infringe on the right to personal reproductive autonomy unless the denial or infringement is justified by a compelling state interest....

As the father of children, I want to address a father's autonomy. If a woman can choose to carry and I am responsible for this new life; shouldn't I also have a say in whether my child lives or dies? The state will collect from the father of the child until the child is 18 years old..

I don't want to sound like a male chauvinist, but the man's interest, meaning the father's interest is not recognized in this bill.