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Testimony presented by Sen. Stacy Brenner

This amendment (LD 780) would give voters the opportunity to explicitly enshrine reproductive autonomy in our state constitution. That includes the right to make personal, private family decisions with guidance from medical experts and without interference from politicians and judges, including decisions about starting a family, birth control, fertility treatment, and abortion care

In all states—red and blue—where anti-abortion politicians and activists attempted to ban abortion in their state constitution post-Dobbs, voters have overwhelmingly rejected such measures

My name is Sen. Stacy Brenner, representing District 30 which includes Gorham and most of Scarborough. I'm here in support of LD 780.

Maine voters deserve the opportunity to weigh in and affirm that Maine's constitution protects reproductive rights. No matter where a person lives, what they look like, what their background, every person has the right to make their own decisions, including when it comes to abortion care.

Banning abortion is part of a wider effort to control our bodies and our lives. We must protect everyone's fundamental right to control their own bodies, including whether to have an abortion, and everyone should have options when it comes to making personal healthcare decisions.

Abortion is part of reproductive and maternal health care, and every circumstance is unique. When people are making complicated and personal medical decisions, one-size-fits-all laws don't work. These bans and restrictions hurt real people who should have the freedom to make their own decisions.

I urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass and thank you for your time.