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LD 780

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, My name is Natalia Jacobs, I live in Lewiston ME, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

The preamble to the Maine State Constitution states that the objects of government are to establish “justice, insure tranquility, provide for our mutual defense, promote our common welfare, and secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of liberty.” Passing LD 780 is a matter of reproductive justice. It ensures tranquility, in that citizens will be guaranteed safe and legal abortion access and not forced to decide between their own health and welfare and breaking the law. It would make sure that we as Mainers have a say in governing our own bodies, and signify this state’s commitment to defending our rights to bodily autonomy. It would mean that my peers and I can decide how, when, and if we decide to start a family, that our future is on our terms. On top of this, it would lessen economic, mental, and physical pressures and would ensure the health and bodily autonomy of present and future citizens. In a country that prides itself on ideals of “freedom and justice,” reproductive freedom and justice should be treated no less.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 780. Thank you.

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