

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and honorable members of the Maine Legislative committee on Judiciary,

My name is David Fedrizzi from East Waterboro, Maine. I am writing to testify against and urge you to vote against LD 780, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy.

This resolution, proposed constitutional amendment, and referendum question are deceptive. The desired outcome of its sponsors and supporters is to make abortion, the killing of an unborn and innocent human person in the womb from conception to birth, a legal right in the State of Maine Constitution. This is not clear in the resolution, proposed constitutional amendment or referendum question. It would not be clearly apparent to the voting citizens of the State of Maine on a referendum ballot based on the language of the proposed constitutional amendment and referendum question.

Abortion, the killing of an unborn and innocent human person in the womb from conception to birth is highly controversial, divisive, and an important moral matter of life and death. Clear, complete, and truthful language in communication with the citizens of Maine by their elected and appointed governmental officials when proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, or at any time for that matter, is of the utmost importance so that the citizens of Maine can make a truly informed decision. Furthermore, abortion, the killing of an unborn and innocent human person in the womb from conception to birth is not *reproductive* but rather is destructive. It is the willful destruction of a human person which adds further to the deception of the citizens of Maine with the amendment and referendum question in its current deceptive language.

This proposed constitutional amendment and referendum question contradicts itself. The current language of the amendment and referendum question states that *every person* has the right to *reproductive autonomy*. Yet the amendment and referendum question are proposing abortion, the killing of an innocent unborn human person. Thus, denying that person its reproductive autonomy to be born alive, its right to life and its right to decide its own course in life and future reproduction.

As you well know, a new human person is created and exists at the point of conception when a living human male cell joins with a living human female cell. This newly created and living human person is created with intrinsic value, has its own separate, unique, and unrepeatable DNA. It is the same living human person at conception as it is at birth, and as it is at any age beyond conception just like you and me, if allowed to develop as our Creator intends rather than be killed purposefully by abortion.

As stated in our nations Declaration of Independence,

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

LD 780 is a direct attempt to take away these unalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator.

The State of Maine Motto, *Dirigo*, means "I lead". I lead with moral conviction much like our forefathers who crafted our nations Declaration of Independence.

By supporting and voting in favor of LD 780 our State of Maine governmental leaders and legislators are not living up to our State Motto to lead but are deceiving our citizens toward immorality and the killing of the most innocent human persons as a legal right in our State Constitution.

I urge you to lead by voting no, ought not to pass on LD 780.

Respectfully,

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