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LD 780

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Francesca Basile, I live in Kittery, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

All women should have the freedom to make decisions about their bodies. Healthcare choices are personal and best left to a woman and her doctor. The government has no place in deciding what options should be available, or judging the circumstances in which certain options can be used.

It's not a mystery as to what could happen if this bill isn't passed. We've had our look into the future possibilities by seeing what has happened in other states. Seeing women forced to go out of state for healthcare, forced to carry unviable pregnancies to term, forced to prove to lawmakers if they are deserving of healthcare.

Basic rights shouldn't be up for debate every election year. We shouldn't be dependent on the whims of political trends for our freedom to choose how we handle reproductive healthcare. A reproductive autonomy constitutional amendment would make sure that the rights Mainers have today will be protected in the future.

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