

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am Lisa Woodson, I live in Casco, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

I understand the essential need for the protection of reproductive rights for all, firstly, because of my own personal history. Before my three healthy babies were born, I had two pregnancies which went heartbreakingly wrong. My life was saved because of abortion procedures. These procedures were a blessing because they've allowed me to survive and continue to be here for my husband and children. Secondly, however, the constitutional protection of reproductive rights is important to me because these rights need to be guaranteed for all people in Maine. That's what Mainer's do. We look out for each other!

Therefore, although Maine currently has strong laws protecting reproductive rights, laws can be changed, and their fates can be determined from election to election. We need our state constitution to make it explicit that reproductive rights are fundamental human rights, and they aren't up for debate. Everyone should be able to make their own decisions about their reproductive health.

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