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LD 260

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee Judiciary:

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Layne Gregory and I live in Falmouth. I am submitting this written testimony in support of LD 260. If passed, this bill will ensure the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all Maine Citizens. In particular, this bill will protect the rights of girls and women like me. I am very fortunate to have grown up in the era of Roe v. Wade which gave me the right to make choices about my body and the reproductive care I needed. In 1976, I had an abortion. I was 18 years old and just starting college. I was living on my own and putting myself through school. As devastating a position as that was, I was in no position to become a single parent. Now, almost 50 years later, my husband and I have raised two wonderful men and have three extraordinary granddaughters (one on the way). They all live in Maine. I want them to have the same freedom as I had: the right to make a decision about their lives and futures without the intrusion of others making that decision for them. LD 260 would protect their ability and autonomy to make these sorts of vital life decisions.

There are many urgent issues facing the citizens of Maine and the Nation right now. Passing LD 260 would protect Mainers from tyranny of all sorts and make sure basic human rights are preserved.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD260. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Layne Gregory