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Re: <u>LD 538</u>, An Act to Amend Maine's Prescription Drug Labeling Law by Allowing the Removal of the Name of a Prescriber of Mifepristone, Misoprostol and Their Generic Alternatives

Senator Bailey, Representative Gramlich and Honorable Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee

I appreciate this opportunity to address you on this important matter. My name is Anne Gallaudet. I am a resident of Scarborough, Maine. I am writing in support of LD 538.

This legislation is vital for the support of our health care providers in Maine who prescribe Mifepristone, Misoprostol and their generic alternatives as part of their medical practice as well as their patients. We are living in an unfortunate time when there is so much tension over reproductive health care and in particular, medical abortions, no matter what the medical circumstances are. Health care providers in Maine who prescribe these medications for reproductive health care will benefit from LD 538 both in terms of their own privacy and protection from harassment.

States, because of their antiabortion stance, may attempt to impose criminal or civil penalties on Maine's health care providers or attempt to impose other punitive measures because of a prescription given a resident of their state through, for instance, telehealth care or care a patient from out of state received in Maine.

In sum, I believe that LD 538 is a simple and welcomed additional layer of protection for our healthcare providers who prescribe the listed medications in LD 538.

Thank you for considering my appeal. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 538.

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