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LD 253

I strongly oppose LD 253, LD 682, LD 886, LD 887, LD 975, and LD 1007 concerning abortions in Maine.

These bills, if made into law, would impose restrictions on essential healthcare and reproductive rights here in Maine. The right to an abortion provides:

- Access to life-saving care for mothers whose pregnancies pose serious risk to their health and life;
- The right for an individual to choose if/when, with whom, and under what circumstances to start a family;
- And, above all, bodily autonomy.

Studies have shown that when governments limit or ban abortions, they do little to decrease the number of pregnancies that are terminated. Instead, according to the World Health Organization, abortions continue to take place at roughly the same rate, but by use of more dangerous methods that put women's lives at-risk.

I cannot believe we still live in a world where one's right to make choices about their own body is still in question.

I strongly urge you to oppose LD 253, LD 682, LD 886, LD 887, LD 975, and LD 1007 - they "ought NOT to pass."