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Re: LD 886, An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Judiciary 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 opposition of* LD 886

The intent of this bill is to regulate medication abortions. First, medication abortion is a safe and highly effective means for ending early-term abortions in the privacy of one's home. It is thus a preferred method if appropriate.

The obvious intent of the bill is to interfere with a pregnant individual's right to control her own body and her right to decide her own medical care with her health care provider without unwarranted interference of the State.

This bill interferes with access to medication without any legitimate State basis. Indeed, if passed this bill would disproportionately impact rural and low-income pregnant people and other underserved people in a State that is rural with a significant low-income population and losing its rural hospitals at a clip.

We have lost our communal empathy for others; we are wrongly full of judgment and managing our neighbors' lives.

Thank you for considering my comment. Please vote "ought not to pass" on LD 886.

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