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Re: LD 887, An Act to Make Manufacturers Responsible for Proper Disposal of Abortion Drugs and Require a health care Provider to be Physically Present During a Chemical Abortion

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 887.

The intent of this bill is to unnecessarily have the State regulate medication abortions; interfere with medical care in an unjustifiable and wasteful manner; burden the medical profession with time-consuming impractical obligations at a time when our doctors are facing inordinate burdens and financial strain, taking them away from providing necessary medical care to Mainers, create environmental problems that do not exist, and criminalize people who fail to adhere to these regulations just to interfere with a woman's right to reproductive health care and bodily control out of only personal belief.

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 woman'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 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 887.

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