

March 26, 2025

**To: Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**

Chairs: Senator Anne Carey and Representative Amy Kuhn

**RE: March 28, 2025 Hearing on 7 anti-Reproductive Health Care Rights Bills**

Dear Senator Carey and Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing this letter to urge you to vote **Ought Not To Pass** on LDs 253, 682, 886, 887, 975, 1007, and 1154. These bills, both individually and collectively are an assault to the rights and wellbeing of women and girls in our state.

If these were to pass Maine would risk becoming a place where women are denied necessary health care for urgent matters, putting their lives in danger. In other states, such as Texas, where similar restrictions on reproductive health care have been implemented, women and infants are dying due to negligence for complications that are avoidable with proper access to care. Studies on the impact following the 2021 Texas abortion ban have shown a dramatic increase in deaths and complications for both women and [infants](#), such as [sepsis](#), as a result of these restrictions. In fact, [one study](#) showed that between 2019 and 2022 **the rate of maternal mortality in Texas increased by 56%** compared to an 11% national increase.

Abortion restrictions also impact the ability of families to access other reproductive care, such as family planning, IVF, cancer screening, and more. For this reason, and many others, I urge you to not let this happen in Maine. These bills are not about protecting the rights of any future children, but rather an attempt to restrict the rights of women and control our bodies and choices, and they have no place in Maine.

Sincerely,  
Jillian Foley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jillian Foley", written in a cursive style.

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