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LD 975

I am against LD975 for many reasons. As a 17 year old I had an illegal abortion. I was a lucky girl since the college I was attending had a medical and nursing program. Students in the medical programs were aware of doctors that performed abortions after hours. My pregnancy was the due to what today would be called date rape. I had a safe if illegal abortion and had no ill effects.

My life would have been very different if I hadn't been able to secure an abortion. I would not have been able to continue college and go on to lead a productive life

I went to my PCP for a check up afterward and he wept. asked why I didn't come to him. My question to him was, "What would you have done?" He didn't respond but told me he had just lost a young patient who went to Canada for an abortion and died. He was bereft.

Women do not only seek an abortion for unwanted pregnancies. Abortion is reproductive health care. Women who have an ectopic pregnancy, which is life threatening often require an "abortion" Women who miscarry a wanted pregnancy often need an "abortion", a D&C (dilation and curettage ) or a D&E (dilation and evacuation), to remove tissue left in the uterus, that can cause infection, bleeding and other complications such as Sepsis and death. Women seek abortion when a fetus is non viable and won't live til birth or soon after. When there is chromosomal abnormalities. Or when a pregnancy poses a lethal risk because of chronic conditions.

Women in this country, have died from lack of abortion care, where doctors are afraid to treat these medical issues for fear of being prosecuted in their anti-abortion states. So Much for the oath of "Do No Harm." WOMEN DIE!

Neveah Crain, a teenager whose organs were failing had to wait 90 minutes for a second ultrasound to make sure the fetus was dead. She went to three, repeat three ER'S. She died. Amber waited 20 hours, as Sepsis spread.. She Died. Candi Miller, mother of two. Died. Josselli Barnica, a mother of a young daughter, delayed emergency care after a miscarriage. She Died  
These deaths and more were preventable.

I have be an reproductive freedom advocate my whole life and worked to secure that right for women and was devastated to see Roe overturned by lying judges.

I would hate to see these kind of statistics in the great state of Maine.  
This bill should never see the light of day.