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Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Maine Judiciary Committee, my name is Mike McClellan. I am the Executive Director of Maine Right To Life, an organization that was established to honor the dignity and inherent value of every human life. Our mission is to safeguard the sanctity of life from conception to natural death by working to make abortion, infanticide, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia socially, ethically, and legally unacceptable while actively promoting compassionate alternatives.

We strive to inform, educate, and inspire individuals from all backgrounds to advocate for life at every stage. Our vision is a world where abortion becomes unthinkable.

I am writing to testify in strong support of LD 886 “An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions” which is sponsored by Representative Griffin of Levant. The role of government is to protect citizens from harm be it health, fiscal, etc. LD 886 is a common sense approach to a somewhat new issue that would appear to be unregulated and nationally, showing harm being done to women as well as babies.

LD 886 confronts receiving the “abortion pill” in the mail. MRTL believes all abortion is destructive, this abortion pill takes this fight to a new level as women are now able to hide or choose to be alone as they ingest this deadly medication. We already know that the abortion industry is not forthright in what harm an abortion will cause a woman. There have been many occasions that the women using the abortion pill are not prepared for what happens next. The woman becomes ill, she is affected mentally. It would appear that being able to perform a medical abortion by yourself actually returns us to the days many use to argue for legal abortion. Days women had to hide due to shame. This legislation requires that women are supported in this most difficult time. It prohibits this deadly medication being delivered in the mail!

The remainder of the legislation is common sense providing information concerning this major action a woman expecting a child is about to agree to or take. The bill requires that the woman in question receives the medication from a licensed healthcare provider and that a licensed healthcare provider is present for the abortion. Even more, the bill safeguards the woman by having to provide information about what will happen during the abortion, what the women might experience during an abortion, what the after effects of having an abortion could be (there are many) and finally, that there is a medication on hand that would reverse the abortion if the woman changed her mind.

There are many potential after effects of having had an abortion. There are certainly dangers in taking a lethal medication when you are alone. This bill would seem to be pro women, pro healthcare and simply common sense. It is hard to imagine (for me) the testimony you will hear against this bill. Please consider your role as Maine Legislators that you each have taken on, that of protecting Maine citizens. Honor your role by supporting LD 886 and supporting Maine women.