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**To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary**

Regarding L.D. 975, “An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion”

Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support LD 975, “An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion.”

You’ve all heard the noise: “woman’s right to choose,” “abortion is healthcare,” “what about the 14-year-old who was raped”, “this bill could be used to charge a woman with murder, or an abortionist could be sent to jail”, the list goes on and on why we shouldn’t support a bill like this.

It’s sad that the church takes this soft position. God’s Word is very clear, and because the church universal doesn’t take a stand on God’s Word, but works on human feelings and emotions, we still have abortion in America and Maine.

Yes, there are tragedies and crimes like rape and incest. That is true in this world for every heinous act you can think of. Without consequences for bad behavior, it persists. However, is God’s Word true, and if so, is it to be obeyed? We started out as a Christian nation and we need to return to our roots.

Quoting the Christian Civic League: “God is the author of life. Genesis 1:27 says, *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”*

From that moment on, the story of Scripture is the story of life — physical, spiritual, and eternal. Each of these is woven together by one undeniable truth: God — and only God — is sovereign over life and death; He alone gives life, sustains it, and determines its end.

Today, these are seen as political, even controversial. But as Christians, standing for life isn’t political ... nor optional. As believers, we are called to defend the physical life of those who cannot defend themselves...”

Abortion is NOT healthcare, it is murder. When abortion became legal, we were told it would never be used for birth control. How did that work out?!?

This doesn't, in any way, seek to punish an abused woman who finds herself pregnant. She shouldn't be blamed for the crime. However, abortion isn't the answer to her dilemma. If she could experience the wonder of God's creation through birth, instead of being butchered by abortion, there is always adoption. So many couples who experience infertility seek to adopt children, so both heartaches can be resolved through this one act of giving life.

There are so many options for unplanned pregnancies. RESOLVE is a pregnancy resource center in Waterville, Maine. Like many others in Maine, they provide services to help women prepare to keep and nurture their unborn. Their website is: <https://www.resolvelife.org/> and they supply resources like pregnancy testing and ultrasounds, pregnancy and parenting support, diapers, clothing, counseling for both men and women and the list goes on. It is truly a loving environment and supportive for those who find themselves in need of help in this area. They also support and nurture those who have had an abortion and struggle with that decision.

Ronald Reagan said: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

How long will God be merciful to the United States and State of Maine? Killing His children He creates won't go unpunished forever.

So, I thank Rep. Griffin for having the courage and commitment to introduce this legislation and ask you to vote L.D. 975 "ought to pass." Thank you.