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LD 887

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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 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." This legislation has been sponsored by Representative Paul of Winterport. It appears similar to LD 886, Sponsored by Representative Griffin, a bill you are also considering in this public hearing. In both cases MRTL supports the common sense requirement these two bills would make law: women can not get an abortion drug to be used on her own, the women would be seen by appropriate healthcare prior to, during and then a follow up visit would be required. It is important to point out that MRTL seeks a day that abortion is unthinkable, while this legislation is not perfect...it moves our healthcare system in the right direction.

One interesting final point you should strongly note is the requirement in LD 887 to provide the "patient" with a catch kit and medical waste bag. I would assume this entails providing the woman with good information about what she could encounter after using an abortion pill. Information on how to dispose of the "waste." The bill also offers requirements for the medical waste bags and makes manufacturers liable for improper disposal of abortion drugs. I actually heard a discussion yesterday (as I write) on this waste issue at Hands AT The Capital Day at the Maine State House. In some communities/states, this has become an unexpected issue. Many thanks to Rep. Paul for being ahead on this one.

Please support this legislation, LD 887.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike