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LD 1007

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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 1007, "An Act to Update the State's Informed Consent Laws Regarding Drug-induced Abortion." This legislation has been sponsored by Representative Paul of Winterport.

Informed consent is a cornerstone of ethical medical practice. Patients should have access to all relevant medical information to make decisions that align with their values, beliefs, and circumstances. This legislation would require healthcare professionals to provide women with information about the potential for reversing the effects of a medication abortion, should they change their minds after beginning the process.

There is growing evidence that the administration of progesterone may counteract the effects of the first drug in a medication abortion, mifepristone, and potentially allow a pregnancy to continue. While further research is ongoing, case reports and clinical experiences suggest that this option has been effective for some women who regret their initial decision.

This bill is not about restricting access to abortion (MRTL does seek a day when abortion is unthinkable); rather, it is about ensuring that women have access to all available medical information so they can make fully informed decisions. No woman should be denied knowledge of a potential second chance if she changes her mind.

Sadly, in recent years we have seen a culture, media and political leaders demonize information (true information) that did not support their political agenda. I think of COVID as an example and I have experienced first hand, discussions that claimed the reversal medication was quackery...even as I knew of studies and real people who showed great success.

Your role as leaders in Maine is to serve and protect ALL Maine people. LD 1007 is sound legislation that deserves support. I believe anything good should stand up to light shining on it, by blocking the release of information...you condemn your own position.

I urge the committee to support this bill and ensure that Maine women receive comprehensive, unbiased medical information when making such an important decision. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

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