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Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
100 State House Station Room 438  
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RE: LD 975: An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion; LD 682: An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Abortions; 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.

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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

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The Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers supports a woman's right to choose. MACDL opposes LD 975, LD 682, and LD 887.

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The decision of a woman to have, or not to have, an abortion should solely be the purview of the woman and her healthcare provider.

Making abortion illegal will not reduce the number of abortions and it will endanger the lives of women.<sup>1</sup> "The legal situation of abortion in a country does not influence the abortion rate, but illegality is associated with a much greater risk of complications and death."<sup>2</sup>

MACDL is a longtime supporter of Maine citizens being free from unwarranted and unwanted government intrusion whether that is in a person's home, their car, or their own body.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MACDL asks this committee to honor Maine's storied history of allowing women to have autonomy over their own bodies.

Tina Heather Nadeau

Sincerely,

/s/

Jeremy Pratt, Esq.,  
President, MACDL

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<sup>1</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/9253669/>

<sup>2</sup> Id.