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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the joint standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Ana Davis, and I live in Auburn. I am writing in strong opposition to LD975: An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion.

I oppose any law that removes my – and all women’s – fundamental right to make decisions about our bodies. Abortion should not be a moral or political issue; rather, it is a deeply personal, fundamental, and constitutional right. Most importantly, abortion is healthcare.

When considering this bill, the Committee should consider the real implications of passing a law of this nature. History teaches us that this law **will not** stop people from getting abortions. I repeat, this will not stop abortions from being performed. Rather, this law will take away the ability to seek a safe, medically monitored procedure, which is done in close coordination with medical professionals who have the training and experience necessary to keep women safe. This law won’t save lives – it will cause women to die.

This concept is why I write today. Abortion saves lives. A woman that finds out she is pregnant and is facing a life-threatening medical condition with a non-viable fetus should never have to choose between her life or breaking the law. And the medical professional who provides treatment should not fear criminal charges because they chose to save a life instead of losing a life.

I urge you to vote ought not to pass on this dangerous piece of legislation and keep the women of Maine safe.

Respectfully,

Ana Davis