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Senator Anne Carney, Representative Amy Kuhn, and Members of the Legislative Joint Judiciary Committee

I submit testimony on behalf of the Maine Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), which reflects the position of National ACOG in its *opposition* to the bills presented at the joint public hearing on March 28, 2025:

- LD 253, An Act to Prevent the MaineCare Program from Covering Abortion Services (Rep. Javner)
- LD 682, An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Abortions (Sen. Haggan)
- LD 886, An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions (Rep. Griffin)
- 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 (Rep. Paul)
- LD 975, An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion (Rep. Griffin)
- LD 1007, An Act to Update the State's Informed Consent Laws Regarding Drug-induced Abortion (Rep. Paul)
- LD 1154, An Act to Require That Informed Consent for Abortion Include Information on Perinatal Hospice (Rep. Paul)

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists opposes any legislative or executive actions that would ban abortion, create barriers to abortion access, or interfere with the sacred patient – healthcare professional relationship and the practice of medicine. Each of these bills ignores the fundamental truth that abortion is a necessary and safe practice along the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare. Legislative maneuvers such as these would place Maine women at risk for adverse physical and mental health outcomes and limit the socioeconomic mobility of Maine women and families. These bills are not based in medical science; they are rather an ideological composite effort to legislate agency, dignity, and bodily autonomy away from Maine women and to provide a pathway for pregnancy surveillance and criminalization of pregnant citizens.

The Maine Section of ACOG urges you to vote “*Ought Not To Pass*” on all seven of these proposed bills.

Respectfully submitted