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LD 887, HP 0573 — 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

Testimony in Opposition

Submitted by Rep. Holly Eaton, House District 15

Good morning Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Representative Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Swan's Island, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven.

I am writing in strong opposition to LD 887. This bill would impose unnecessary and burdensome requirements on both patients and providers, further stigmatizing medication abortion and making it harder for Mainers — especially in rural and island communities — to access care.

There is no medical justification for requiring a provider to be physically present during a medication abortion. This is a safe, effective method of care that has been used for decades. Requiring in-person visits places an unfair burden on those who already face barriers to care due to geography, income, or transportation.

My constituents have asked me to speak out against bills like this, which are part of a broader effort to erode reproductive freedom in our state. I stand with them.

Please vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 887.

District 15: Brooklin, Deer Isle, Eagle Island Township, Frenchboro, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven