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I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 253, LD 682, LD 886, LD 887, LD 975, and LD 1007 concerning abortions in Maine. As someone who deeply values personal freedom and the ability to make informed decisions about my own life — my body, my health, and my future — I believe these bills pose a significant threat to those freedoms.

Abortion is a deeply personal decision that should be made by individuals in consultation with their doctors, not by the government.

The redefinition of “person” from conception is alarming to me. It risks criminalizing everyday medical care and could lead to unintended consequences for families, doctors, and those seeking medical help. The last thing we need is to create more legal confusion around something as important as health care.

I am also concerned about how repealing abortion rights will disproportionately affect those who are already vulnerable — low-income individuals, young people, and victims of violence. I’ve seen how limited options can affect people’s lives, and I cannot imagine making such a deeply personal decision for someone else.

These bills would take away a basic right. I urge you to consider the real-life consequences this would have on people across our state. We should be expanding access to reproductive health care (health care in general!) not restricting it.

Thank you.