

**LD 975 An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and
to Criminalize Abortion**

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the committee I am Penny Jordan, and I am writing to oppose LD 975. I believe in the importance of women to make their own choices about their bodies and health care. It is NOT the government's job to tell me what my choices are!

I come from a time when woman made scary decisions about ending a pregnancy, life threatening decisions. After 6, 7 or 8 children women took it upon themselves to make a choice. Young woman that became pregnant in high school sought options to end their pregnancy that put their lives at risk. Do you think these decisions were easy for them – no!

It is beyond me why we want to go back there? We are in the 21st century. I know this sounds judgmental, but women and men that want to dictate the decisions I make for my body and my family is beyond me. I believe you can have your opinion and live your life but let me make my own choices. The fact I oppose LD 975 and the intent of this bill does not impact abortion opponents, but LD 975 if enacted impacts me and my choices, and the safety and health of all women.

I thank God (yes that's what I said) that when I was faced with the toughest decision of my life Roe vs Wade defined our world. I was young, too young and I decided to terminate my pregnancy. I live with that. I look at my nephew who is the same age as the child I never had and I do wonder. But in the end, I know I made the right decision. People can call this selfish; they can call it whatever they want – but it was my very personal decision – not yours and not something that should be criminalized.

Thank you for listening and I hope you vote ought not pass. And hope you make the same decision for LD 1007, LD 886 and LD 253, LD 682

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