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LD 1154

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LD 1154, An Act to Require That Informed Consent for Abortion Include Information
on Perinatal Hospice
I testify against this bill

I don't think this is a bill that would meaningfully improve the quality of our healthcare and I do not think that the State needs to get involved in controlling how healthcare providers do their job or how citizens determine what is best for themselves. I do not agree with the bill's provision that a woman must "certify" their decision to decline prenatal hospice services. This is a tedious bill intended to infuse our healthcare services with a political agenda to stigmatize abortion care without meaningfully protecting people's right to abortions in the first place. The reason that it is stigmatizing is that people seek abortions for numerous diverse reasons that are complex and often unique to each individual. I support a Maine State legislature that respects this fact and advocates for an expansive protection of abortion access that recognizes the complex reasons why one would seek them by staying out of their decisions.