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LD 887

Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Crystal DaCosta I live in Verona island, and I am Maine woman with concern for my community. I am writing in opposition of 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 because it is a thinly veiled attack on reproductive rights. As a human health and environmentally conscious citizen I do believe all chemical waste should be properly disposed of and treated. It is important to keep harmful chemicals out of our soil and water. This bill however is disingenuous. The sponsors of this bill are using the guise of environmental concern to target abortion access. This bill is not based on valid or accurate science. There are many people on a litany of medications expelling waste into our sewage systems. There are already laws and regulations in place surrounding the treatment of waste and proper disposal sites for unwanted medications. This bill is intended to set up road blocks for people seeking reproductive health treatments. Barriers to safe and accessible reproductive health services leads to higher risk of harm for pregnant people and their unborn fetuses, that is why this bill should not pass.