

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

Testimony Against

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

My name is Kimberly Grindle, and I am a resident of Islesboro. I am submitting this today in strong opposition to LD 975 because it represents a dangerous overreach of government into personal medical decisions—decisions that should remain between a patient and their doctor, not politicians.

When I was 17, I experienced an unintended pregnancy. I was incredibly grateful that I had the option of abortion. Though I was ultimately unable to have one, simply knowing that I had a choice was invaluable. That pregnancy altered the course of my life in ways I could never have imagined, and I know firsthand how critical it is for people to have control over their own reproductive futures.

LD 975 is more than just a policy proposal—it is a direct assault on the rights, health, and autonomy of women across Maine. Decisions about pregnancy, including abortion, are deeply personal and should remain solely between an individual and their healthcare provider. Whether or not you are pro-life, and regardless of your personal morals or religious beliefs, this bill goes far beyond limiting access to abortion—it actively undermines protections for all pregnant women, including those facing domestic violence and assault.

It appears as though, the way this bill is written also means that treating an ectopic pregnancy—a condition that is always fatal to the fetus and will kill the mother if left untreated—could be considered illegal. It further opens the door for women who experience no-fault miscarriages to potentially be charged with a crime. This is not just an attack on abortion access; it is a dangerous overreach by lawmakers and those that claim the bill as their own who demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of human anatomy, reproduction, and the real-life medical emergencies that parents face. Worse still, it shows a lack of compassion for those forced to make heartbreaking decisions during traumatic circumstances.

I urge you to reject LD 975 and to protect the rights of Mainers to make their own medical decisions. Please stand against government intrusion into private healthcare and ensure that all women in Maine continue to have the freedom to make choices about their own bodies and futures.

Thank you.