

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Sandra Labonte and I live in Searsport. Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony and for your serving the state of Maine.

I stand here today in support of

**LD494 An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services**

Mainecare recipients are among the poorest in our state. Why do we fund the abortion of poor peoples' babies? Why are we discriminating against them? Do they have less to offer our society?

I stand here today in support of

**LD1249 An Act to Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication**

If you are going to provide this service, the least you could do is require the provider to see the patient in person. Authorization to administer a drug online which results in the death of a human offspring and which can also harm the mother should not be given so recklessly.

I stand here today in support of

**LD1614 An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling Before an Abortion**

I believe that having an ultrasound at least 48 hours before abortion would give the woman a way to make an informed decision about something that could change her life forever.

I also add my support to **LD771 An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion** and **LD1197 An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion.**

My most compelling reason for supporting these bills is my heart-felt conviction that I must speak for the most innocent among us – the unborn child.

Thank you for your time.

Please vote **ought to pass.**