



Christian Civic League of Maine

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and members of the Maine Committee on Judiciary, I am Mike McClellan, Policy Director for the Christian Civic League of Maine. The Christian Civic League of Maine envisions a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. We believe a Biblical approach works in life and including in governance.

I am here to testify in support of LD 771, An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion Sponsored by Senator Brakey of Androscoggin County. Last Monday we discussed (3) bills that sought to support an industry that profits from misfortune. Today, there are multiple pieces of legislation before you that seek to support Maine people by using our Maine finances for good, protecting women from several health issues that are related to abortion and empowering women to fight back when coerced by an industry that profits from their hardships. These votes will be telling.

This bill establishes a pregnant woman's and a pregnant minor's right to withdraw the woman's or the minor's consent to an abortion at any time before the death of the fetus. The bill makes performing or aiding in the performance of an abortion after the pregnant woman or the pregnant minor has withdrawn consent a Class C crime. Why this does not become a unanimous vote of support from the committee is eye opening. You are voting for the industry or the women (Maine Citizen).

A woman should always have the right to change her mind about an abortion and if an abortion is performed after consent has been withdrawn, there must be criminal consequences. I would only suggest you consider harsher penalties.

Thank you for your time and consideration today.

God bless,

Mike