

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Heather Sirocki. I am a member of the Maine Right to Life Committee and a resident of Scarborough.

LD 494 - An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment, Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services

Year after year, we hear that more people are dying in Maine than being born, we hear about the labor shortages, and we hear about our dismal economy. Maine is old and tired. Paying for more abortions each year is clearly not the answer. Alignment with the Hyde Amendment makes sense.

LD 771 - An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion

Sen. Brakey's bill would allow the mother the ability to change her mind. Whether it be pressure from a family member, a provider, an employer, or any other person, the mother should never be forced or coerced to continue with ending the life of her baby.

LD 1197 An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion

Minors need information to make informed decisions when facing the life-changing situation of pregnancy to avert coercion.

LD 1249 – 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

Telehealth cannot replace an in person examination. At least two conditions are a concern before prescribing chemical abortifacients: 1) ectopic pregnancy (A baby not situated in the uterus) and 2) a pregnancy that is more advanced than the mother realizes. Chemical abortions are not recommended after 11 weeks. This bill involves basic public safety.

LD 1614 – An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling Before an Abortion

Ultrasounds before an abortion discern ectopic pregnancies, confirm the number of fetuses, confirm the gestational age, and inform the provider of the anatomy of the mother. Many post-abortive women are filled with regret, a 48 hour wait period is humane.

I urge SUPPORT for all of these bills.