



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 1197, An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion sponsored by Representative Arata of New Gloucester. LD 1197 amends the laws governing informed consent to abortion by requiring a health care professional, prior to performing an abortion, to provide to a pregnant minor or pregnant patient orally and in writing, in a language and manner that will be understood by the patient.

*Notice that the minor or patient has the right to withdraw consent for an abortion at any time before the performance of the abortion and, if so, to receive a refund of any payments made to the health care professional for the performance of the abortion.

*Notice that the law prohibits criminal threatening of any person, including a person who refuses to have an abortion.

*Contact information for providers of resources for victims of domestic violence, including the telephone number of at least one domestic violence hotline and one sexual assault hotline, an offer to make referrals to law enforcement agencies and domestic violence and sexual assault support organizations, and an offer to call a law enforcement agency if the patient or minor feels that the patient or the minor will be unsafe if the patient or the minor refuses to have an abortion.

*Information regarding the Maine Human Rights Act's protections against discrimination in employment, education, and housing based on pregnancy or familial status and, upon request, provide educational materials prepared by the Maine Human Rights Commission regarding these protections.

I have given blood since College and the process to give begins with a lengthy look at all kinds of issues concerning the donation. This law would simply equip women with knowledge. I see no rational reason for this not to be the law other than the abortion industry's influence over the Maine Government. I hope you prove me wrong.

Thank you for your time.