



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 opposition to LD 1343 **An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation** - *Rep. Laura Supica of Bangor*

The religion of abortion is a strong draw to many. It pays well. It causes people elected to protect citizens to draft a law that says abortion buildings do not have to get inspected like organizations and fields that really do healthcare. The religion holds back from many the facts that abortions can cause mental health issues, end the ability to have a baby, can cause suicidal thoughts, even can cause a women's death. Media holding this religion regularly sing praise to the god of abortion by calling people who support LIFE "radicals." Given my age, if these scenarios had been a Twilight Zone TV episode...I would not have believed it.

Given the bill does not share much, it would seem this bill seeks to create the ability in Maine for government to "trump" all law with the government desired abortion protections. The State intends to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of a person's decision to terminate a pregnancy and legislation concerning the provision of abortion. I assume a local community in Maine who does not adhere to this religion would not be allowed to create their own laws, so much for local control. I would ask: In the near past, a political party ended the filibuster in US Senate Judicial nominations. Ironically, very soon after – the other political party won and in the next years set records for how many judges were added to the system. The question, am I right to assume a 2024 Maine Legislature could come in and use this bill to do the exact opposite of the sponsor's intent? Now that is almost as ironic as an organization who does not get inspections but still claims to be Healthcare.

Thank you for your time and consideration today.

Know that many are hopeful of your actions and are praying for you and your families. God bless,
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