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Testimony on

**L.D. 780, “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy”**

**Presented by
Representative Scott Wynn Cyrway
District 63**

Judiciary Committee
Monday, January 22, 2024

Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

I am State Representative Scott Wynn Cyrway, and I proudly represent District 63, which includes Albion, Freedom, Unity Township, and a portion of Winslow. It is an honor to appear before you for the purpose of speaking against of L.D. 780, “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy.”

Mother Theresa once said, “How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.” I have been involved in these life and death discussion for many years. I have seen us progress from a time when abortion was supposed to be few and safe. Today, we not only see that Maine is an abortion on demand state, but we also are here today with a lobby attempting to lock this cash cow into the Maine Constitution. Are our leaders proud that we line up with China and North Korea on abortion rights? When will this stop?

Imagine being one of the thousands of Maine people who fought their fears, their lack of understanding of the legislative process, and their unfamiliarity with the State House. They came, they conquered their fears, and they kept coming. No one argues it was the largest turn out in Maine history. This is something that should have been celebrated, and yet many experience their representatives ignoring them and certainly not listening to them.

Imagine watching your elected officials last year ignore you to pass a bill that a high majority of Maine people were strongly against. You are told it is about the health of the women. An argument that might be reasonable except it really wasn't the case. It was about a political agenda. How do I know it was all a

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political act? Well, we are right back here as soon as possible, striving to reach the next rung on the abortion rights ladder. The people of Maine see how fast you are back, and they know. Integrity and honesty should be what leadership is about, not an agenda.

I am strongly against L.D. 780. I will simply state that abortion does not empower women, doing the right thing does. Abortion is not healthcare, at least one person dies in an abortion and sometimes two. Abortion is not safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge this panel vote against the measure now before them.

**Testimony in Opposition to
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As a Law Enforcement Officer I am sworn to Serve and Protect the Public for the sanctity of life. I am bound by the State of Maine to do so. If someone has been drunk driving and killed a pregnant mother both the mother and the child in the womb are considered as 2 People killed and the criminal would be charged as such.

As a parent I serve to protect my children born or unborn.

This is a very confusing phrase to say, TO PROTECT PERSONAL REPRODUCTIVE AUTONOMY

This would lead a person to think this is protecting the baby within the mother's womb. Very mixed message.

A quote here" I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born" –President Ronald Regan

Thank you for your consideration.