

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Abigail Beal of Cherryfield, Maine.

I am here in opposition to LD 780. I am asking you to please OPPOSE LD 780. And I am here to ask you to listen to we the people.

We the people have spoken over and over again. We have turned out in droves. We have come in the day. We have stayed through the night. We have pleaded and reasoned. We have written and read. We have stood here in person and spoken on Zoom.

The elderly have come and so have the young. We represent many districts, many organizations, many churches, many people groups, many colors, and many walks of life. We have said it many, many, many ways, but yet our message is the same; and that message is CHOOSE LIFE!

But still the establishment is not listening to us. Given the voting rolls in the 1<sup>st</sup> session of this Legislature, many of you are not listening to we the people. Rather, you are listening to Planned Parenthood, and you are doing the will of Planned Parenthood.

I would point out that you are not accountable to Planned Parenthood. You are accountable to we the people and to Almighty God Himself.

So I repeat – I am here to ask you to listen to we the people.

Why must we keep begging for the lives of our people? Why must we ask you to stop pushing the envelope? Why must we try to convince you to honor your oath of office and do what is truly best for the people of Maine? You know what to do, and we are asking you to do it.

Micah 6:8 says it well. *“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”*

LD 780 seeks to enshrine abortion in our Maine State Constitution. And what is abortion? It is the intentional killing of unborn boys and girls.

So really, we are arguing over whether or not to proudly place a statement of death and destruction into our Constitution. We are deciding whether or not to shake our fists in the face of our Creator yet again.

We are killing our future – literally. We are creating a culture of death, and that death is a stench in the nostrils of the Giver of Life. This makes no sense, and this goes against nature itself.

Is this the legacy we as a state want to leave? Is this the example we want to set for the rest of the nation? Is this dangerous territory ground we really want to be treading?

And finally, do the most vulnerable among us have a right to live? Should innocent babies live?

I am here to testify that the Lord God, the Creator and Giver of Life says they do. He is the Ultimate Lawgiver, and His truth is marching on. His truth will outlast this legislature. His truth will outlast this century. His truth will outlast this age and will last for all of time. For He is, He was and He always will be King of kings and Lord of lords. His kingdom will come, His will shall be done, and, and life will prevail.

Please choose life and protect the future of the State of Maine by opposing LD 780. Thank you.