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Opposition to LD 780

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

I am Reynold Dubois, but please call me Rey, and I am here to testify in opposition to LD 780, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy." I was here testifying against LD 1619 several months ago, and I told you about the worst decision I've ever made in my life, when, in 1983, my wife and I decided to seek an abortion for our child. I've regretted that so much.

I didn't want to again tell you what you already know. You've heard it all before, many times. So I decided to read you a short email that I wrote to Representative Laurel Libby.

Dear Representative Libby,

Thank-you for speaking up against foolish and immoral legislation. I do plan on testifying at the 10:00 hearing on the 22th, and I will speak in opposition to LD 780. I am having difficulty preparing much of a testimony that adds anything new to the discussion, because I know that these committee members have heard it all. They chose to vote in favor of their Party line, regardless of my pleas that they vote along "moral lines." I know that my physical presence is of some value, but it's still discouraging when I see that what I say is discounted, dismissed, and ignored. I can only continue to pray, and ask God to give our legislators the strength to respect people, no matter what their age.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Rey Dubois

And by voting along "moral lines", you all know what I mean. So, I've said what I wanted to say. Please DO vote with consideration for all the people most involved in an unplanned pregnancy, meaning mother, father, and child. This pro-abortion legislation, LD 780, does not need to be in the Maine Constitution. You have already voted several laws to support abortion through 9 months of pregnancy. Abortion has no place in our state constitution.

Thank you for your time...and I will pray for you all.



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OUTLINE FOR LEGISLATION CONGRESS SHOULD PASS

A. Findings:

1. United States spending on military weapons systems and mobilization for wars—having totaled approximately **\$17 trillion in the 21st Century through 2023**—is far in excess of its needs for defense. If the Biden Administration's \$106 billion "supplemental" **military request is approved, military spending in this Fiscal Year 2024 will very nearly reach \$1 trillion.**

2. A handful of large Wall Street investment firms and banks control half a dozen or more weapons-production giants—the product of repeated mergers—which **depend on defense contracting for 50% to nearly 100% of their corporate revenue.** Some 80% of U.S. 4-Star Generals and Admirals work for the arms industry when they retire. This "military-industrial-financial complex" depends on the United States being constantly involved in wars, and threatens world war.

3. This is a major cause of excessive U.S. **indebtedness which has hit \$34 trillion, up 54% in five years, and now far exceeding 100% of GDP.**

4. **The spending of such vast sums on military production has not produced productivity gains;** on the contrary, since 2005 technological (or "total factor") productivity growth averaged less than 1.0% annually, well below 20th-Century norms.

5. It is not possible and should not be attempted, to salvage unpayable amounts of debt by war, looting, and economic warfare, or by seizing other nations' assets. **New economically productive assets and productive employment must be created instead of war-fighting means of destruction and waste.**

6. Urgent economic development needs, projects and opportunities are waiting around the world—investments equivalent to tens of trillions of dollars. These needs and investments are being left to China's Belt and Road Initiative and to the BRICS nations. **Military production capacity can and should be converted and retooled to meet them.**

B. Purposes:

1. **Reverse the deindustrialization** and decay of American economic infrastructure.

2. Meet the need for **new infrastructure project investments in the developing countries**—particularly in power, water management, healthcare and transportation. The Grand Inga Dam Project in sub-Saharan Africa, the Transaqua Project in the Sahel, and the 21st -Century North American Power and Water Alliance Project, are models for these development investments.

3. **Repurpose what is now "defense" or military spending,** on canal, pipeline, tunnel and bridge building; water management and

desalination; electrification by advanced third- and fourth-generation nuclear plants, gas-turbine and hydroelectric power plants; creating modern healthcare systems; the components for space exploration; the development of unlimited fusion power and laser- and plasma industrial processes.

4. **Retool the weapons merchant companies**, mobilized for decades for high- technology war production, to produce the capital goods of high-technology infrastructure development instead. Preserve and expand machine-tool design and production capability and skilled employment in the process.

C. Authorizations:

1. **Create an Infrastructure Plants Corporation**, within the existing United States International Development Finance Corporation (USDFC), to assist military production firms in converting

to modern infrastructure-building and R&D contracting.

2. **Shift into the funding of this Corporation, as much of the Federal Defense Budget as is necessary** to contract with major military production firms and factories for the scientific, technological and infrastructure needs of economic development cited under **Part B, "Purposes"** above; and to fund sub-contracts with other suppliers of technology.

3. **Suspend and close the so-called "Overseas Contingency Operations" (OCO) off-budget fund**; suspend "emergency supplemental budgets" and other spending which avoids Congressional authorization.

4. **Stop Defense Department-funded production** of nuclear-capable bombers and fighter-bombers, and "tactical" nuclear weapons, specifically designed to carry out nuclear first strikes.

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