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# MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE

## OPPOSE LD 780 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal reproductive Autonomy

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Members of the Committee;

My name is Lori Cloutier and I represent Maine Right to Life.

The proposed amendment to codify abortion into the Maine constitution is immoral and an affront to human dignity.

Instead, we would be wise to follow in the steps recently taken by the Peruvian Congress, yes that Peru in SA. They chose to protect the dignity of all life.

It approved Law No. 785, titled "Law that Recognizes Rights of the Conceived." It acknowledges that life begins at conception and recognizes the unborn as legally protected. It establishes that "the child, both born and unborn, has its own unique and unrepeatable genetic identity and a personality independent of its mother." Maine legislature would be wise to do the same.

If LD 780 is passed, the Maine legislature on the other hand, will have chosen to make Maine a state that promotes a culture of death. In the preamble to the Maine Constitution God's aid is implored and His goodness acknowledged. Article 1 states: we have certain natural and unalienable rights of which "life" is one. Even God, the giver of all life can't reconcile this bill with those passages as they are diametrically opposed. I would remind you, that every two years, you all swear to uphold and defend these rights.

The term "reproductive autonomy" is a vague euphemism that destroys the dignity given to every human by God. It is intentionally vague, trivializes life and contributes to a moral decay in society that we have all witnessed over the past several decades. Maine the way life should be becomes a cute but trite, meaningless lie.

The language goes beyond the trimester framework established under Roe v Wade, makes it impossible and illegal to pass commonsense protections for the unborn and the mother. It is imperative that this 'small clump of cells' deserves the same constitutional rights as us larger 'clump of cells'. Maine Right to Life staunchly supports this right.

One day, unknown to us, we will all face our Creator to answer for our actions. Please vote no and remember, God will not be mocked.

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