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## **Against LD 780**

### **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy**

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Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Darcy Good, and I'm a resident of Winslow, Maine. I oppose LD 780. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

Making an amendment to our constitution is a serious undertaking, and it should require a high level of support by Maine citizens. LD1619 passed with the narrowest margin of support. That's why it's so surprising that we are even here today.

The state of Maine is on a slippery slope with this bill. This resolution is claiming to protect personal reproductive autonomy. Does this really protect women? Considering that reproductive anatomy is only one piece of the complicated mind and body, what steps are being taken to protect the whole person before, during and after the abortion? My sister had an abortion at age 19 and suffered guilt, shame, and depression all of her adult life. She is not alone. How will this amendment protect women like my sister?

The unborn are not blobs of cells. They are little human beings. Under our Constitution they are American citizens, and they have a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And they are completely defenseless. How does this amendment protect the unborn?

Call it a slippery slope or a Pandora's box, whatever you like. If this resolution is passed, I believe a day will come when we will deeply regret it.