



## Christian Civic League of Maine

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Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and members of the Maine Committee on Judiciary, I am Mike McClellan, Policy Director for the Christian Civic League of Maine. The Christian Civic League of Maine envisions a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. We believe a Biblical approach works in life and including in our governance.

I am here to testify against LD 780 Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy which was proposed by Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc.

"The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want." ~ Mother Teresa

LD 780 does not honor God, cherish all life, help families thrive and is quite the opposite of the intent of religious freedom. Perhaps LD 780 does highlight the relentless business plan by a lobby that claims to be pro women but would appear to be a money-making outfit. A lobby that supports almost every member of a political party in Maine. I have never heard of an injury at one of our great Maine Pregnancy Centers. Google injuries at abortion clinics to see their record.

I was called by an elected official the other day because I shared public information on how to contact legislators. For this email committee, the list had 2 campaign emails and all the rest were legislative emails. Wasn't done for a reason, and I offered to remove the emails that ARE listed at a public site, on a Maine Government site. I replaced the two and moved on thinking how society is getting angrier and angrier, how this anger happens a lot these days with the difference being...now it is happening to both sides. How I was frustrated to hear how Secretary of State Bellows was treated when she recently acted but how the media celebrated when Clarence Thomas was attacked in the same way.

The next day, I read in my home state New York's paper, how a women drove into a policeman because she did not like police. How she was not charged with attempted murder even as she was screaming she did it on purpose. Oh, and she was high on marijuana too.

When this committee and other government entities remove God from governing, remove the value of life by making life worthless with bills like LD 780, assisted suicide and gender multination bills. When we seem to value criminals and anti social behavior such as mostly peaceful events. Are we surprised our children are confused? That they are joyless, empty, lost, angry, suicidal and do not value life. That someone would drive into a law enforcement officer?

To close, I saw yesterday a story about a new tv show, looks animated – where Satan and his minions are the good guys and Heaven, the angels are bad. The reality is this is a battle of good vs. evil. One side is trying to win the day (and in recent years has a strong record) the other cares about eternity and as you make more and more bad choices, we mourn but also look to the day this all is corrected.

Please do the right thing and vote Ought Not To Pass on LD 780!

Mike

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Thoughts past my 2 minutes

\*Why does Hollywood never show an abortion scene?

\*Remember a few years ago, the Congressional Hearing where Planned Parenthood told us all about their healthcare model. When asked how many mammogram machines they owned nationally, after a long silence the answer was 0. Remember their caught on camera discussion about selling aborted body parts to buy a new car.

\*Abortions are safe. LIE.

\*Abortions empower women. LIE.

\*The Supreme Court outlawed abortion. LIE

\*Most Americans, when they understand how radical you are seeking to go, favored Roe v. Wade. TRUTH.

\*Women with dangerous pregnancies, who get an abortion cannot be arrested. TRUTH.

# DEBUNKING THE ABORTION LOBBY'S TOP 5 LIES

**Myth #1:** In *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed abortion.

**Fact:** The Court's decision in *Dobbs* overturned *Roe v. Wade*. Now, states are choosing to protect life or embrace abortion. Nothing in the Constitution's text or history confers a right to abortion.

**Myth #2:** Most Americans favored keeping *Roe v. Wade*.

**Fact:** Not when they learned just how extreme the abortion policy mandated by that decision is. Recent polling by Gallup has consistently shown that most Americans oppose abortions from the second trimester forward. *Roe* made America one of just six nations in the world — including China and North Korea — to allow abortion-on-demand up until birth.

**Myth #3:** Women receiving treatment for an ectopic pregnancy may be prosecuted for having an abortion in pro-life states.

**Fact:** An abortion is the direct and intentional taking of an unborn child's life. Every single state's pro-life law includes an exception for medical emergencies and saving the life of the mother, which is the case with an ectopic pregnancy. For the abortion industry to suggest otherwise is pure fearmongering and bad science.



## **Myth #4: Abortions are safe for women.**

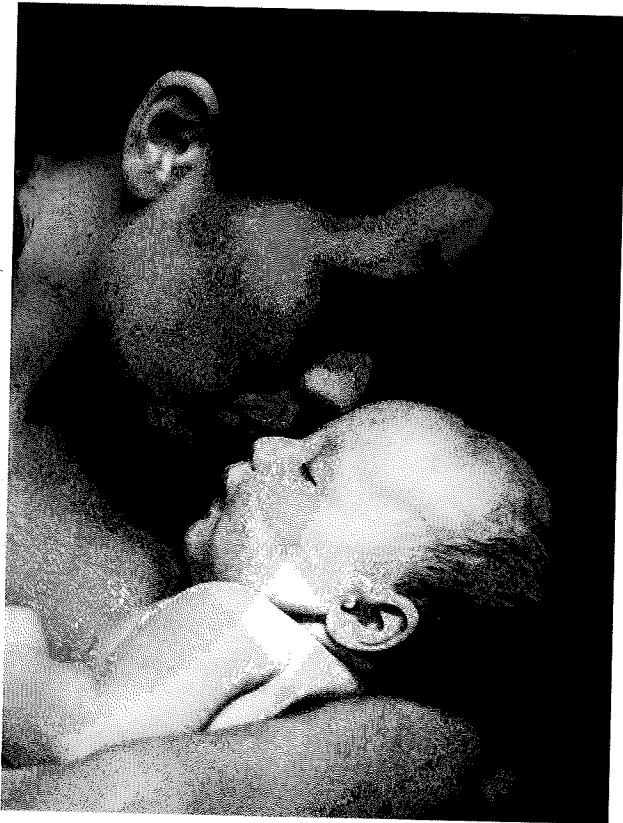
**Fact:** Abortions put women at a greater risk of death, illness, and psychological trauma. According to research published in the National Library of Medicine, many women who have abortions go on to suffer emotional and psychological pain, including suicidal ideations. Even the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute notes that the risk of a mother dying from an abortion rises exponentially (by more than 2,200%) between the 8th and 18th week of her pregnancy.

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## **Myth #5: Abortion empowers women.**

**Fact:** Women are fully capable of being moms and living successful, happy lives. It's incredibly demeaning to say otherwise. According to the Human Coalition, 75% of women who obtain an abortion would choose life if circumstances were different. What women facing unplanned pregnancies need is access to the resources they must have to thrive, including supportive families and communities.

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**These are just a few of the ways the abortion industry spreads misinformation and lies to the public.**

When you take a stand for all those who work to protect unborn babies and empower their mothers to choose life, you're not just planting your flag on the side of life. You're also taking a stand for one of the most fundamental truths of all: We are each uniquely created by God and bear His image, clothed with inherent dignity.

Please take this moment today to join the fight for life as it carries on in all 50 states across our great nation!