

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I'm Ella Tabasky, I live in Brunswick, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

Fundamentally, the right to make decisions about my body and whether or not I wish to start a family should be a personal choice that I make privately with my doctor and my doctor alone.

While I'm grateful that the current protections in Maine affirm that reproductive rights are fundamental human rights, I'm aware that shifts in the political landscape could put them up for debate after any election cycle.

Codifying reproductive rights in the constitution will reinforce the importance of autonomy in healthcare decisions, ensuring that everyone has the freedom to make choices that align with their unique circumstances and values.

I find it remarkable that individuals have been burdened with the emotional toll of recounting their painful experiences publicly every time reproductive rights are under attack.

I urge you to consider the profound impact that codifying reproductive rights in the State's constitution will have on protecting individual freedoms and rights to privacy.

Please vote Ought to Pass on LD 780 so that voters can have a say at the ballot box. Thank you.

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