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LD 780

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Anne Marisic, I live in Freeport, Maine, and I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 780.

On June 24, 2022, I was in DC when the Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade, an action I never thought I would see in my lifetime. I was gutted realizing that our country had just taken away our rights to decide what we could do with our own bodies. That day I stood in solidarity with Planned Parenthood workers outside of a clinic serving the people of DC, and then stood with thousands in protest outside the Supreme Court.

I consider myself fortunate to have always had access to good health care and good reproductive education thanks to the work of Planned Parenthood and many women before me. Because of this, I have always had options, I have always had choices, and that autonomy is a right that every person is due. Maine has strong laws protecting reproductive rights, but as we saw June 24, 2022, laws can be changed. We need our state constitution to make it explicit that reproductive rights are fundamental human rights, and they aren't up for debate.

I ask that the legislators of our state respect this and vote to protect our rights and the rights of future generations by voting Ought to pass on LD 780. Thank you.