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Opposing bills LD975, LD886, LD253, LD682, LD887, LD1007, LD1154 of the 132nd session

Good morning Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Katie Clark. I am from Hancock Maine. I am here today to testify against these series of bills to repress women's access to reproductive care.

Thank you for declining the previous bills. Abortion is not about religious beliefs, your preferences or even political beliefs. It's about all women's healthcare. Every woman should be able to get an abortion when needed. By making it so Maine care doesn't cover these abortion services, not all women will be able to get this medical service. If someone is in the position where they need to get an abortion this is a very hard choice and making women go into a clinic to get a pill makes it even harder. HIPPA protects the right for people to not disclose their medical care. As heard before, many people judge women who have had an abortion and take it personally. Reporting this information is not necessary. This country has religious freedom so any argument involving religion is irrelevant.

Thank you for your time,

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