

Senator Anne Carney, Representative Amy Kuhn and members of the joint standing committee of the judiciary,

Thank you for your time and energy to discuss and determine bills that best serve Mainers. I'm grateful for the opportunity to state my opinion.

I disagree with the proposed Bills ~~LD 975~~. *LD 253, 682, 886, 887, 1007,*

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The human body is made up of about 30 trillion cells, organized, owned and operated by one human. That human is uniquely responsible for all decisions regarding their own cells, organs and systems. Sometimes the human must decide to remove some of their own cells if life and well-being are threatened. Questionable cells could include a cancerous polyp discovered during a colonoscopy, an infected appendix that has got to go, an ectopic pregnancy death sentence, a pregnancy forced by rape by a man... A woman must have the right to manage her own tissues to minimize harm.

If a woman (advised by her doctor) makes the incredibly personal and soul-searching decision to terminate a fertilization, **it is done to save her life or the life she would like to have**. All cells which exist inside as woman, fertilized or not, belong to her and their fate are under her control. She was there first, its her life, she makes the decision, not the bureaucracy.

The inside of another's body and their choice about how to live is no one else's business.

the bills referenced above,
I hope ~~LD 975~~ is rejected as well as any other bill that interferes with a woman's independence, and the freedom to choose her own path to a healthy life.

Thank you,

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