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I'm a father. I have friends and families who have daughters. I was fortunate enough that both of my kids were born with zero complications. But, if there were complications, I would have been grateful that options were available so one of my kids wouldn't have to grow up without a mother due to complications during the gestation period, which now the state wants to criminalize. I also wouldn't want that to be the case for any of my friends' wives, families' wives, or even my future. I know people who had to terminate pregnancies because there were issues with the fetus, and had they gone full term, the fetus still wouldn't have made it. There was no reason to prolong the inevitable if there was zero chance of survival.

The decisions that you make today could cause hundreds of deaths in this state. You claim that you want to protect women and support women, but bills like this show that Maine legislation wants to do the exact opposite. In a lot of cases, specifically 60% more, the woman and the fetus die due to abortion restrictions in this country. How does that save anyone? There's a section in this bill that describes wanting to "repeal[s] the crimes of elevated aggravated assault on a pregnant person and domestic violence elevated aggravated assault on a pregnant person." In other words, lessen the charges placed on a person who assaults a pregnant woman. Where is the protection for women there? How about for the "unborn child"? In what world do we live in, in what state do we live in, that our Maine legislature would think that lessening crimes for assault on ANY person, especially a pregnant woman, is protecting anyone? As a republican Maine fisherman, I have to express my pure disgust and horror with the implications surrounding this bill. I want my children to grow up in a safe state. I want my children to grow up in a state that cherishes and truly protects women in all aspects. Not just keeping transgender people out of women's sports. This bill is contradictory. I urge Maine representatives to shut down this bill and any bill similar to this. The women of Maine, the children of Maine, deserve better. Thank you.