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LD 975

Testimony in Opposition to LD 975  
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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Alessandro Chille, and I reside in Auburn, Maine. I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 975, "An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion," which seeks to strip Mainers of essential reproductive rights and endangers the well-being of women and families across our state.

As a man, I recognize that the decision to have an abortion is deeply personal and primarily impacts women. However, I firmly believe that supporting a woman's right to choose is not solely a women's issue; it is a human rights issue that affects our entire society.

Criminalizing abortion undermines the fundamental principle of bodily autonomy. Every individual should have the right to make decisions about their own body without government interference. This bill seeks to grant legal personhood to embryos and fetuses, thereby infringing upon the rights of pregnant individuals to make private medical decisions.

Moreover, history has shown that restricting access to abortion does not eliminate the practice; instead, it drives it underground, leading to unsafe procedures that jeopardize women's health and lives. Abortion bans do not reduce the number of abortions; they reduce the number of safe abortions.

As a member of this community, I am concerned about the broader implications of such legislation. Criminalizing abortion can lead to the persecution of healthcare providers, discourage medical professionals from practicing in our state, and create a climate of fear and mistrust in our healthcare system. This bill also imposes invasive reporting requirements for miscarriages, further violating the privacy of individuals during vulnerable times.

In conclusion, I urge you to oppose LD 975. Upholding reproductive rights is essential to ensuring the health, dignity, and equality of all Mainers. Let us stand together to protect the right to choose and maintain Maine's commitment to personal freedom and autonomy.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Alessandro Chille  
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