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Testimony of Paula Drouin in Opposition of LD 682 An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Abortions

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Paula Drouin, resident of Auburn, Androscoggin County. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to oppose LD 682 An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Abortions

This bill is similar to other bills being heard today, and my argument is the same. Access to safe abortion is a component of comprehensive health care and should be left to the individual.

This bill aims to infringe on the privacy of the individual by requiring personal information (e.g. race, marital status, level of education) be given; and also dictates that “any other information as prescribed by the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems” also be given, which is not a static definition and therefore opens the door to a multitude of additional, unknown, privacy violations.

This bill aims to change the standard for when an abortion may be performed by disallowing the individual and their physician to determine, without restriction, when it is necessary. This bill also aims to reestablish criminal penalties for performing an abortion after viability.

Please allow abortion to remain a decision made, without restriction, by the individual and their medical provider. To do otherwise will put women at risk.

I urge you to vote “ought not to pass”.

Please uphold healthcare. Please trust and protect women.