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Re: LD 975, An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Judiciary Committee

I appreciate this opportunity to address you on this important matter. My name is Anne Gallaudet. I am a resident of Scarborough, Maine. I am writing *in opposition of* LD 975.

This bill repeals the laws authorizing abortion in the State of Maine and suggests a legal person begins at conception. The intent of this bill is to unnecessarily have the State regulate medication abortions; interfere with medical care in an unjustifiable and wasteful manner; burden the medical profession with time-consuming impractical obligations at a time when our doctors are facing inordinate burdens and financial strain, taking them away from providing necessary medical care to Mainers, create an environmental problems that do not exist and criminalize people who fail to adhere to these regulations just to interfere with a woman's right to reproductive health care and bodily control out of only personal belief. A fetus is not a person until born.

The obvious intent of the bill is to interfere with a woman's right to control her own body and her right to decide her own medical care with her health care provider without unwarranted interference of the State.

We have lost our communal empathy for others; we are wrongly full of judgment and managing our neighbors' lives.

Thank you for considering my comment. Please vote "ought not to pass" on LD 975.

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