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LD 975

Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Lillian Hatrick I live in Brunswick, and I am a student and Mainer.

I am writing in opposition to LD 975, An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion, which strips Mainers of essential reproductive rights and endangers the well-being of women and families across Maine.

Abortion bans are a terrifying attempt to control the bodies and lives of women all over the state. Denying women of life-saving abortions is a blatant attack on our rights. Abortions save lives of women via ending lethal pregnancies, protecting mental health (ex. being raped and then becoming pregnant, not wanting a child and then having to deliver it, etc.) and allow a women to make her own choices.

If lawmakers genuinely cared about reducing abortions, they would expand access to contraception, comprehensive sex education, affordable childcare and maternal healthcare. But this bill does none of that. Instead, it punishes people for their circumstances and removes their bodily autonomy. I urge you to reject this cruel and dangerous legislation. The government has no place in personal medical decisions. Let people make these choices with their doctors, their families and their own conscience—not with politicians.

Please listen to and support the women of Maine.

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