Sydney Hersey Portland, ME LD 975

Dear Representative Griffin,

My name is Sydney Hersey and I am a constituent of Portland, Maine. I am writing to express my strong opposition to bill H.P. 635, An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion, which concerns abortion rights in the state of Maine.

As a woman, a professional in the biotech and medical device realm, a believer in science and medicine, I know that abortion is health care. I have witnessed firsthand the life-saving benefits that abortion health care as provided. Abortion is necessary and should remain a human right, and this bill attempts to strip those rights away. These restrictions will also disproportionately impact low-income individuals, people of color, and those in rural areas, who already face significant barriers to accessing healthcare.

Abortion I believe the decision to continue or end a pregnancy is one that must be made by a woman in discussions with those she trusts, including her physician, family and faith leaders, not by politicians. Therefore, I see H.P. 635 as unnecessary and harmful political interference in a private medical and health decision.

I urge you to prioritize the well-being and autonomy of your constituents by voting against H.P. 635 and working towards policies that protect reproductive rights and ensure access to comprehensive healthcare.

Sincerely, Sydney Hersey 192 State St., Unit 204, Portland, ME 04101 sunkistsydney92@yahoo.com