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LD 975

Senate Carney, Representative Amy D. Kuhn and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Janis Hogan and I live in Belfast, Maine.

I oppose 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.

Before Roe v. Wade lives were lost due to illegal abortions. Now that Roe v. Wade has been sent back to the states, lives are being lost again.

I have granddaughters and am relieved that they live in Maine, where abortion remains legal and a women's right to choose remains.

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.”