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LD 975

I submit this testimony in opposition to Maine bill LD 975.

This bill is unconstitutional in that it attempts to legislate a limitation to a woman's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness by outlawing medical assistance with reproductive issues. Furthermore, it would appear to limit the professional oath of practice for all those who treat women by excluding established medical practice for reproductive outcomes. Banning legal abortions will result in women seeking illegal ones, which have been shown to endanger the lives of women. Low-income women will suffer the greatest impacts. The State social services are already understaffed to handle all the child welfare caseload. This bill will contribute to additional unwanted pregnancies and the cost to the state to provide for unwanted children. This law is both legally and morally unethical.