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LD 975

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Maya and I am a sophomore at Bowdoin College. I am writing on behalf of the Bowdoin Reproductive Justice Coalition. I am testifying in opposition to LD 975, An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion.

LD 975 is an egregious attack on reproductive rights and bodily autonomy. I, alongside thousands of others, are privileged to live in Maine where reproductive healthcare and bodily choices are protected. I strongly urge you not to change this.

Criminalizing abortion will not reduce the number of abortions, but will simply reduce the number of safe abortions, putting your fellow community members at risk. This bill will criminalize doctors, strip individuals of their medical rights, and put lives at risk, all of which should not be determined by the government. The reasons for abortions are vast and nuanced, and it is unfair to take these personal choices away from the individuals.

This bill will cause great harm to my friends and people in my community by taking away choices over their own bodies. If lawmakers truly care about reducing the number of abortions in the state, they will improve equitable access to contraception and improve reproductive, sexual, and maternal healthcare education. Passing this bill will not accomplish any of those goals and will merely put many individuals, the very ones the state is responsible to protect, at great risk.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Maya Kachra