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I strongly oppose the proposed changes to Maine's abortion laws, as outlined in this bill. These changes place unnecessary restrictions on reproductive healthcare, create burdensome reporting requirements, and reintroduce criminal penalties that could intimidate healthcare providers and limit access to essential care.

**Invasive Data Collection:** Requiring the collection of a patient's race, marital status, and education level serves no legitimate medical purpose and could deter individuals from seeking necessary care due to privacy concerns. Patients should not have to disclose personal demographic information unrelated to their medical needs when making private healthcare decisions.

**Increased Restrictions on Abortion After Viability:** The proposed change tightens the standard for abortion after viability, removing the discretion of licensed physicians to act in the best interest of their patients. This shift could force individuals to carry pregnancies under dangerous medical circumstances, increasing risks to their health and well-being.

**Criminalization of Providers:** Reestablishing criminal penalties for performing abortions after viability or without a specific license is a dangerous overreach. This provision could have a chilling effect on healthcare providers, discouraging them from offering comprehensive reproductive care for fear of legal consequences, even when acting in good faith to protect a patient's life or health.

These proposed amendments undermine reproductive rights, interfere with medical decision-making, and place unnecessary barriers between individuals and the healthcare they need. I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and continue to uphold the right of all Mainers to access safe, legal abortion care.