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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation 22 MRSA §1598-A, which imposes unnecessary restrictions on medication abortions in Maine. This bill creates harmful barriers to reproductive healthcare, restricts personal medical decisions, and undermines the ability of individuals to access safe and effective care.

First, prohibiting online access to medication abortion unfairly limits access for individuals in rural areas or those facing financial and logistical challenges. The FDA has approved the use of telehealth and mail-order prescriptions for medication abortion, recognizing its safety and effectiveness. Restricting these options would disproportionately harm those who already face obstacles to care.

Second, requiring in-person oversight by a healthcare professional places an undue burden on patients and providers. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and other medical experts support the availability of medication abortion through telemedicine. Requiring an in-person visit serves no medical purpose and only creates delays that could make access more difficult or even impossible for some patients.

Third, mandating discussions about so-called "abortion reversal" is misleading and medically unproven. The claim that a medication abortion can be reversed lacks credible scientific support and has been widely discredited by medical professionals. Forcing providers to discuss unproven treatments undermines medical ethics and patient trust.

This bill is a dangerous attempt to restrict reproductive freedom under the guise of regulation. Medication abortion is a safe, well-researched, and widely used healthcare option. I urge you to reject 22 MRSA §1598-A and protect the rights of Mainers to make private medical decisions without unnecessary government interference.