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LD 886

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jennifer McNamara, a concerned resident of Tremont. I firmly oppose LD 886 - An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions. According to 2023 data from the Guttmacher Institute, 70% of all abortions in Maine were provided via medication, and 20% of these were provided from online-only clinics. Medication abortions are a safe and non-invasive option for pregnant people, and it is almost always used for early term abortions in the first trimester. While I believe that patients should be informed of potential risks associated with medications and procedures, I do not believe we should restrict access of this healthcare service to in-person only care. We live in a rural state, with a broken public transport system. Many families in our state do not have a car and live in isolated communities far from hospitals or clinics. I strongly urge you to oppose this bill and protect bodily autonomy, health and welfare of women and pregnant people in our rural communities.