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LD 975

Dear Members of the Maine Legislature,

I am writing to strongly oppose LD 975, "An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion."

Access to comprehensive healthcare, including abortion services, is fundamental to ensuring the dignity, health, and economic security of women and families in Maine. Criminalizing abortion services would result in increased maternal morbidity and mortality and would disproportionately affect our most vulnerable residents, exacerbating healthcare outcome inequities and creating additional barriers to essential healthcare. Abortion restriction laws passed in other states have demonstrably and irreparably harmed women's health (see the recent ProPublica article "Texas Banned Abortion. Then Sepsis Rates Soared.") These laws kill women who should have agency over their own bodies and family planning decisions.

Healthcare decisions should remain personal, private, and free from governmental interference. Criminalizing abortions will not prevent them—it will only increase hardship, risk health complications, and deepen economic disparities.

I urge you to oppose LD 975 and affirm Maine's commitment to protecting the lives of its women and the well-being of its residents.

Thank you.