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LD 886

As a family medicine physician who both trained in Maine and has been working in Maine since I became board certified and independent, I feel compelled to state the following after reading the proposed LD 886:

1. Given the severe lack of health resources in the state of Maine, it is particularly cruel to limit obtaining medication abortion medications to an in-person encounter. Studies focused on telehealth services for abortion medication consistently indicate that electronically provided prescriptions for abortion medications are both safe and effective. In addition, there is no medical benefit to receiving medications for an abortion in person. The same medications used for medication abortion are used in other medical situations and can be obtained the same way any other medication is prescribed.
2. There are no chemical agents, drugs, or other means that can reverse a medical abortion. Stating this is dangerous and factually incorrect.

I am urging the committee to determine that this bill ought not to pass.