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Re: LD 975, An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion

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

I am writing in opposition to LD 975 and asking you to vote “Ought NOT to Pass”. This bill will do nothing to help women or protect the unborn. This bill enforces a religious moral code on every person in the state who can become pregnant, whether they share the religious code or not, even when a person’s religious code opposes the code enforced by this bill.

The effects of this bill on Maine will mirror the effects in other states that ban abortions, such as Texas. From events in Texas (<https://bit.ly/4iMGVO6>), we can learn that doctors and hospitals in Maine may refuse care to pregnant people unless they are on the brink of death, which will increase suffering among the people of Maine. In addition, the bill will increase rates of maternal and infant death in Maine.

LD 975 will lead to criminalization of miscarriages or stillbirths, further traumatizing people who lose a pregnancy they wanted to keep by investigating whether they caused the miscarriage or stillbirth.

This bill will make second-class citizens of people who can become pregnant because certain types of care will be more likely withheld from pregnant persons when the care could cause the death of a fetus or severe birth defects, leading to worse health outcomes.

In conclusion, the point of this bill, and its intended effect, is nothing more than cruelty. Please vote “Ought NOT to pass.” Thank you.