

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
State House
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Testimony Against LD 975 “An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion”

Good morning Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Jilly Scott-Lewis and I am a sophomore at Bates College in Lewiston. I am writing against LD 975.

It is important to be able to decide if you are in the right place to raise a child. As a young woman living in this world, it scares me that if I was taken advantage of, I could be forced to carry that pregnancy to term. While I hope that never happens to me, it is important to have other protections in place for people that it does happen to. It would be incredibly unfair to be forced to do that after something illegal and incredibly hurtful has happened to you. There are already enough things in this world that are scary, especially for young women. It would be nice to not have to worry so much about this and this proposed legislation would make things much scarier.

The proposed legislation would take away the rights of people all over the state of Maine and has no basis of support. I urge you to vote “ought not to pass” for LD 975. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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