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ME LD1007 An Act to Update the State's Informed Consent Laws REgarding Drug-Induced Abortion

My name is Jessica Wade and I am a resident of Milford, ME. I am writing today to **OPPOSE** LD 1007.

I am still having a hard time believing that in 2025, women have to constantly fight for the ability to manage their own healthcare decisions. It's exhausting and absurd. The fact that I was able to craft one letter and have it be relevant for 7 hearings on the same day without the need to adjust any of the wording should be testament to this. I suppose it's only fair that if I have to keep parroting the same things over and over, the people necessitating this should be subjected to the monotony as well. So here it is again...

It is deeply hypocritical for representatives to introduce bills that interfere with the relationship between constituents and their medical professionals. Neither patients nor doctors need or want this kind of political intrusion. This interference directly contradicts the principles these same politicians claim to uphold—smaller government and individual decision-making.

Restricting access to healthcare benefits no one. We have already seen the harmful consequences in states that have enacted similar laws. Abortion services are basic healthcare, and the women who have lost their lives due to these restrictions would undoubtedly agree—if they were still here to do so.

The data on how these laws harm women is readily available. Yet, the lawmakers pushing such bills seem uninterested in facts, which raises the question: Do they truly care about the well-being of their communities?

You cannot claim to be "pro-life" while simultaneously blocking access to life-saving procedures and essential healthcare. You cannot claim to support women and children while crafting legislation that endangers them—even to the point of death.

Why do you believe you belong in the exam room, standing between doctors and patients? Medical professionals should make medical decisions without arbitrary political interference. People should be able to make healthcare choices for themselves and their families.

What others do with their bodies is none of your business. And let's not forget—without women, there are no children. If you truly care about life, start by respecting the rights and health of the women who bring it into the world.

For the sake of everyone, stop trying to create criminality where it is unwarranted.