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LD 975, HP 0635 — An Act to Repeal Laws Allowing Abortion and to Criminalize Abortion

Testimony in Strong Opposition

Submitted by Rep. Holly Eaton, House District 15

Good morning Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Representative Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes the communities of Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Swan's Island, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven.

I am writing in the strongest possible opposition to LD 975 — a bill that would repeal existing abortion protections in Maine and criminalize providers for offering care. This bill is extreme, dangerous, and deeply out of step with the values of the people I represent.

Over the past several weeks, I have heard from constituents across the political spectrum — Democrats, Independents, and Republicans alike — who are outraged and afraid that a bill like this is even being considered in our state. Many of them have said to me: "This is not Maine." And they're right.

Abortion is healthcare. And the decision to have one should remain with the patient and their provider — not politicians. Criminalizing doctors for providing care will only lead to harm, fear, and further inequities in an already stretched healthcare system, especially in rural and island communities like mine.

There is no place in Maine for a bill like this. I urge you to stand up for the people of this state and vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 975.

District 15: Brooklin, Deer Isle, Eagle Island Township, Frenchboro, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven