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LD 1007, HP 0654 — An Act to Update the State's Informed Consent Laws Regarding Drug-induced Abortion

Testimony in 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 Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Swan's Island, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, and Vinalhaven.

I am writing in opposition to LD 1007. While “informed consent” may sound reasonable on the surface, bills like this are designed to create fear, shame, and stigma around abortion care — particularly medication abortion, which is safe, effective, and widely used.

LD 1007 would insert medically inaccurate or unnecessary information into the patient-provider conversation, and that undermines trust in healthcare. Maine's current informed consent laws already support thoughtful, compassionate care. This bill is not about patient safety — it's about control.

I've heard from many constituents who are worried about this very tactic: misleading people under the guise of neutrality. They want reproductive decisions to remain grounded in evidence, not ideology.

Please vote “Ought Not to Pass” on LD 1007.

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