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## **LD 1154, HP 0759 — An Act to Require That Informed Consent for Abortion Include Information on Perinatal Hospice**

### **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 1154. While perinatal hospice is an option that should absolutely be available to families facing heartbreaking diagnoses, mandating its inclusion in informed consent for abortion is both coercive and inappropriate.

Families navigating complex and often devastating pregnancy decisions deserve compassionate, individualized care — not a script handed down by legislation. Providers in Maine already counsel patients with empathy and nuance, based on medical facts and the patient's circumstances. This bill seeks to insert political messaging into that sacred conversation.

I've heard from many in my district who recognize this for what it is: another attempt to chip away at reproductive autonomy under the guise of compassion. We should trust patients and providers — not lawmakers — to make these decisions.

Please vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 1154.

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