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The Vote on LD 1261 is Expected May 21

Life as we know it continues to be under attack in Maine.

The long-standing "Physician Only" Abortion law in Maine is at great risk of being overturned unless you, your family, friends, and neighbors contact your Maine Representatives now. It is expected to be voted upon Tuesday, May 21.

If enacted, [LD 1261](#), *An Act to Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals to Perform Abortions*, would allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants and Certified Nurse Midwives to perform abortions in Maine. ([LD 1261](#)) The bill is sponsored by Speaker Sara Gideon, and is commonly referred to as the "*Governor's bill*."

Maine's extreme abortion industry continues to demand even "more access" to **elective** abortion. According to a law suit filed by Maine Family Planning and Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, in Maine District Court in 2017, removing the "physician only" restriction would allow abortion in Maine to be committed evenings and weekends, and would be more *convenient* for women, especially women from Northern Maine who sometimes may have to travel a couple hours *round trip* to have their elective abortions. Say what? What about the safety of Maine women? Aren't the abortion activists always claiming to be "pro-women?" How is mandating legislation to reduce the standards of care considered "caring?"

This is not progress for women; this is a giant step backwards in care for women.

Talking Points Opposing LD 1261

We want lawmakers to **enhance** the safety and well-being of Maine women and children, **not reduce** the standard of care by removing Maine's long-standing "Physician Only" abortion law.

Medical safeguards are not inequities.

The abortion lobby is referring to current law as "outdated" and "restrictive." Is it restrictive to have a physician perform an appendectomy?

LD 1261 does not require direct physician supervision, even in remote areas. Do women with complications such as excessive bleeding go back to a non-physician when they really need to go to a hospital? Is this a best medical practice?

LD 1261 would allow non-physicians to perform any type of abortion, up to viability. This includes chemical abortions, dismemberment abortions, etc.

*Training to perform abortion **does not** include all aspects of human health. A physician is trained for 12 years, unlike a Physician Assistant or Registered Nurse Practitioner.*

42 states require that only physicians perform abortions. Maine would be an outlier if this bill were to pass.

Don't put a radical bill above the very health of Maine women. Don't politicize women's health in order to expand abortions.

According to the most recent FDA report, the Abortion Pill has killed 24 women in our country and injured thousands of others with severe complications year after year. According to Maine CDC, the abortion pill now represents 46% of all abortions committed in Maine.

*This bill is not about access to early abortion, but an **increase in elective abortion**. Unfortunately, over the past three years, abortion access has sky rocketed in Maine. In 2016, Maine went from having 3 abortion clinic sites (Planned Parenthood in Portland, Maine Family Planning in Augusta, and Mabel Wadsworth in Bangor) to 20 abortion sites as reported by the media ([Bangor Daily News article](#)) with the introduction of chemical telemedicine abortions offered at all 17 of Maine Family Planning sites statewide.*

Stop LD 1261 in its tracks!

[Contact your local Rep.](#)

[Contact your local Senator](#)

[Maine House: 287-1400](#)

Maine Senate: 287-1540

We still need you to contact your legislators, even if you have previously contacted them. **We need every single pro-life person to contact your legislators NOW and urge them to oppose LD 1261. We need you to contact persons within your circle of influence and urge them to contact their legislators as well in opposition of this extreme bill as well. This is the time to take a stand for life.**

Stop the radical abortion lobby! Now. Together. For LIFE.

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