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TESTIMONY OF ALICIA REA, ESQ. LD 538 – Ought to Pass

An Act to Amend Maine's Prescription Drug Labeling Law by Allowing the Removal of the Name of a Prescriber of Mifepristone, Misoprostol and Their Generic Alternatives

Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services

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Senator Bailey, Representative Gramlich and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, greetings. My name is Alicia Rea, and I am a policy fellow for the American Civil Liberties Union of Maine, a statewide organization committed to advancing and preserving civil liberties guaranteed by the Maine and U.S. Constitutions through advocacy, education, and litigation. On behalf of our members, we urge you to support LD 538.

This bill seeks to protect Maine healthcare providers who prescribe mifepristone, misoprostol and their generic alternatives from unwarranted out-of-state intrusion into medical decision making by allowing the removal of the name of the provider from prescription labels, at the provider's request. This bill will help to protect Maine healthcare providers from out-of-state lawsuits for conduct that is lawful in our state.

Mifepristone, misoprostol, and their generic alternatives are safe, effective, and critical for abortion and miscarriage care. Attempts to penalize the providers who prescribe these safe and effective medications are on the rise, in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, 597 U.S. 215 (2022). Maine should enact this commonsense legislation, allowing providers to make medical decisions, on a patient-by-patient basis, without fear of retribution from out-of-state actors.

We urge you to vote that LD 538 ought to pass.