



# Concerned Women for America of Maine News Report

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## Maine Legislation Update

**L.D. #347**, “An Act To Support Death with Dignity.” Sponsored by Sen. Roger Katz (R-Kennebec). The bill authorizes a physician to prescribe a medication that the patient self-administers for the purpose of hastening death. *Status:* It is in the Committee on Health and Human Services. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “NO” on this heinous legislation, L.D. #347.

**L.D. #49**, “An Act to Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine Students.” Sponsored by Rep. Michael Devin (D-Newcastle). It will free up students to not have to discount the science behind things like creation. *Status:* It is in the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Penny [testified](#) on behalf of this bill on January 25 before the committee. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “YES” on L.D. #49.



**L.D. #95**, “An Act to Provide a Method for a Student to Be Excused from Standardized Testing.” Introduced by Senator Libby (D-Androscoggin). This bill would give parents control over their child’s participation in standardized assessment. *Status:* It is in the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Penny submitted [written testimony](#) on February 7. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “YES” on L.D. #95.

**L.D. #96**, “An Act to Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools.” Sponsored by Senator Nathan Libby (D-Androscoggin). The bill would require children to start school at five years of age if their parents enrolled them, instead of at age seven. A child pushed too fast and too soon can encounter major learning difficulties, not to mention emotional stresses from a lack of stature or ability to handle situations calling for more maturity. *Status:* It is in the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “NO” on L.D. #96.

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**L.D. #356**, “An Act To Repeal Certain Requirements for Graduation from Secondary School.” Rep. Heidi Sampson (R-Alfred) sponsored the bill, and it is linked to Common Core. This bill would take teachers out of the role of playing psychologist and keep them focused on teaching. A teacher’s conclusion on a student should not be a metric for deciding whether a student may graduate or not. It is the parent’s job to work on their child’s attitudes, values, and belief systems. *Statues:* It is in the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Penny [testified](#) on behalf of this bill on February 27. *Take Action:* Contact the [members of the committee](#), and ask them to vote “YES” on L.D. #356.

When contacting a legislator’s office be sure to let them know what you are a member of Concerned Women for America of Maine. They need to know that CWA of Maine means business.

There are many more bills that CWA of Maine is working on and will be taking a stand on in the near future. We are tracking legislation concerning the wrongful death of a fetus, domestic violence, underage prostitution, marijuana, female genital mutilation, and more. Please keep us in your prayers, as we are now crafting testimony. We will alert you when it’s time to take action.

## Update on 40 Days for Life



Thank you to everyone who came out for the Kick-Off Event at Family Planning in Augusta on February 26, 2017. We hope to see you at future 40 Days for Life events. If you have not signed up to pray for the unborn during this 40 Days for Life campaign (March 1 - April 9), it is not too late. Click [here](#) for more information.

## CWA of Maine Goes All Out for Gorsuch!



Penny, CWA members, and CWA National’s Communications Director Janae Stracke attended U.S. Senator Angus King’s (I-ME) listening session on Sunday to express their support for President Trump’s Nominee for the Supreme Court, Judge Neil Gorsuch. This town hall meeting was for the sole purpose of discussing Gorsuch. Penny was quoted in the [Portland Press Herald](#), CWA was noted on [Politico](#), and her statement was aired on [ABC News 8](#). Click [here](#) for CWA National’s write up on the event which includes video footage of both Penny and Janae’s statement to the senator during the meeting.



*Take Action:* Urge Sen. Angus King to support Judge Neil Gorsuch for the Supreme Court. Call his office at (202) 224-5344 and then [email](#) him.

## Thank you Legislative Encouragers

A special thanks to those participating in the CWA of Maine Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) program this year. The date to mail the March EAL postcard is today, March 7.



**PLEASE NOTE!** Recently, Rep. Larry Lockman (R-Amherst) showed Penny his CWA of Maine postcard written by his encourager and how blessed he was to receive her cards and know she’s praying for him. He told us he wrote back to her and thanked her. Other representatives have said the same.

So please keep up doing what you’re doing. It is truly making a difference in the lives of our lawmakers in Augusta, and enhancing the reputation of Concerned Women for America of Maine as we are in the halls of the legislature regularly encouraging legislators to support our core issues within legislation.



Penny and Janae

## Looking for a Speaker?

If you would like to have Penny Morrell speak at your church, women's group, or gathering, contact her at [Pmorrell2@roadrunner.com](mailto:Pmorrell2@roadrunner.com) or 207-465-6015. Consider having her speak on one or more of our seven core issues: Sanctity of Life, Defense of Family, Education, Religious Liberty, National Sovereignty, Sexual Exploitation, and Support for Israel.



## Make a Difference in Your Community, State and Nation

A Prayer/Action Chapter is a group of people who meet, usually once a month, to pray, get educated, and take action regarding issues that fall under CWA's seven core issues. [Contact us](#) to find out if there is a Prayer/Action Chapter in your area or how to start one.



## Scripture of the Month

“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” (Matthew 5:44)

## Young Women for America

Young Women for America (YWA) is a project of Concerned Women for America. YWA is a student-oriented initiative that is geared toward high school and college campuses to bring active groups of like-minded women together to promote conservative values to their schools and the nation. The mission of YWA is to train the next generation to protect and promote Biblical values among all citizens — first through prayer, then education, and finally by influencing our society — thereby reversing the decline in moral values in our nation.



Do you know of anyone that may be interested? Click [here](#) for more information.

## Take Action:

- ◆ Please consistently pray and take action on the e-alerts you receive from us. Together we will make a difference!
- ◆ Please introduce your friends and family to CWA of Maine by sending them to our website at [me.cwfa.org](http://me.cwfa.org) and forwarding our e-alerts and asking them to consider signing up for our e-alerts. Have them e-mail Penny at [Pmorrell2@roadrunner.com](mailto:Pmorrell2@roadrunner.com).
- ◆ Please contribute to the ministry of CWA of Maine. We are 100 percent volunteers. Therefore, 100 percent of the donations given to CWA of Maine go towards state office and transportation expenses. [Donate online](#) or send a check to 864 Manchester Road, Belgrade, ME 04917. Write the check out to “Concerned Women for America” and be sure to put “CWA of Maine” on the memo line. If you contribute through one of CWA national’s direct mail letters or e-alerts, those funds will be used for national activities, not state, unless you write “Contribute to CWA of Maine” on the reply device.

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ President Donald Trump’s health, wisdom, and family.
- ◆ Gov. Paul LePage’s health, wisdom, and family.
- ◆ Penny Morrell’s safety and that CWA of Maine’s financial needs will be met.
- ◆ For America to turn back to the ways of God.
- ◆ CWA of Maine volunteers’ safety and health.
- ◆ Pray for Penny as she prepares her testimony for upcoming legislation and that her words will be persuasive.
- ◆ That L.D. #34 will not pass, L.D. #95 will pass, L.D. #95 will pass, L.D. #96 will not pass, and L.D. #356 will pass.