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LD 1619

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Ann Marie Grenier. I am a long-time Windham resident.

I am writing to you today to urge you to vote "ought not to pass" on LD 1619 "An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws."

This Bill is TOO EXTREME for Maine.

1) First, the privacy provisions in LD 1619 are taken care of under HIPPA, making what is proposed as "new privacy laws" unnecessary. Additionally, health care workers are already subject to patient confidentiality laws with respect to maintaining patients' confidentiality above and beyond the HIPPA Rules.

2) The section of LD 1619 quoted directly below seeks to REMOVE ALL ACCOUNTABILITY for the termination of life of the unborn at any time by any unlicensed person.

THE BILL READS:

"Finally, this bill removes the criminal penalties for performing an abortion without being licensed as a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse and for performing an abortion after viability of the fetus when it was not necessary for the preservation of the life or health of the mother."

THIS IS INSANE. You mean to tell me, YOU are ok with the notion that anyone will be able to kill a preborn baby at ANY TIME during pregnancy without any consequences. Have you lost your mind, heart and soul?!

3) Lastly, this extreme bill LD 1619 is redundant to a Federal Law already in place. Perhaps you are unaware of Doe V Bolton. A quick wikipedia search will give you much info: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doe\\_v.\\_Bolton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doe_v._Bolton)

Notice the broad definition of "health".

Definition of health[edit]

The Court's opinion in Doe v. Bolton stated that a woman may obtain an abortion after viability, if necessary to protect her health. The Court defined "health" as follows:

Whether, in the words of the Georgia statute, "an abortion is necessary" is a professional judgment that the Georgia physician will be called upon to make routinely. We agree with the District Court, 319 F. Supp., at 1058, that the medical judgment may be exercised in the light of all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the patient. All these factors may relate to health.[1]

If passed this bill LD 1619 will allow a baby that could survive outside the womb to be killed. How could You LIVE with yourself for supporting such a tremendous disrespect of human life?

I urge a strong OUT NOT TO PASS VOTE on LD 1619.

Thank you  
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