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LD 1619

Madam Chairwoman, Mister Chairman, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is the Reverend Alexander Boucher, and I am a Roman Catholic priest. I was raised in Biddeford and currently serve churches in the communities of Scarborough, South Portland, and Cape Elizabeth. I am writing today in opposition of LD 1619.

I am writing because if someone has not personally known a child born prematurely, they might not realize how fully a person that child is. I was born over four weeks prematurely. Due to the care of skilled doctors and nurses and the courage and convictions of my mother, my life was saved.

I have seen statistics, and I am certain that you have as well, that 2/3 of Mainers do not agree with late-term abortion. Our own governor stated that she felt Maine's law did not need to be changed. It may be easy to say "but what if there were a situation where the child's life could cost the life of the mother," and therefore stand idly by and refuse to take a stand on this issue. I am writing to speak about the lives of the babies destined to become healthy citizens with so much to offer.

Please oppose this unnecessary and drastic bill, a bill that the majority of Mainers do not want to see pass. Thank you.

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