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LD 1619

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Sophia Leeman and I am a resident of Unity. I am writing to testify in opposition to LD 1619. I am 32, and after years of trying, had my first baby, a boy, Silas, born March of 2022. What an absolute light he is. I was born in Waterville and have lived in Maine my entire life. I have looked forward to the idea of raising my children here because I love this place and my love only intensifies as I get older. I want to share the beauty of this state with my children and LD 1619 does not represent all that is beautiful here. One of the first things we learn is (my son just turned 1 and we have already taught him this) Do Not Hurt Others. Do not hurt your siblings, parents, classmates, teammates, animals, yourself. You do not inflict harm onto others, ever. So why is it okay to inflict pain and death to a baby? We should not be fighting to harm another in any capacity. This is why I believe abortion at any time for any reason is not acceptable. Medical necessity is already covered in the current law, we do not need this drastic and extreme bill in Maine. Thank you for your time.